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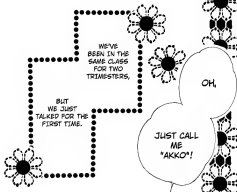
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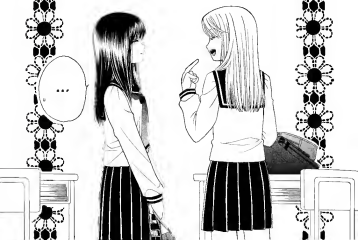
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[CHAPTER 1]















HOW DO
YOU GET
IT CUT?

WHY DO YOU
JUST LET IT
GROW LIKE
THAT?

YOU
SHOULD GO
TO A SALON!

...



I DON'T
KNOW
WHAT THEY
WANT TO
DO...

I SHOULD
PROBABLY
GET GOING
...



...

...

OH...



WELL,

I GO
AND HAVE IT
TRIMMED AT A
PLACE MY MOM
KNOWS...

HEY,



LET'S GO GET
OUR HAIR CUT
TOGETHER
NEXT TIME!

♪









DECIDES, WHY
SHOULD I GO
WITH SOMEONE
I HARDLY KNOW



I SHOULD
JUST SAY
THAT I
CAN'T GO
TOMORROW...

NOW THAT
I THINK
ABOUT IT,



I'LL JUST
SAY THAT
SOMETHING
URGENT
CAME UP.

SHE TOLD ME
HER NUMBER,
AFTER ALL.



YOU HAIR IS SO
PRETTY - YOU'RE
LETTING IT GO
TO WASTE!



...



YOU
DRESS PRETTY
CASUALLY!

WOW!

W-WELL,
YEAH.

I'VE
DRESSED LIKE
THIS SINCE
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL.

BUT I
GUESS IT
LOOKS
OKAY.

WHAT A
SURPRISE!



HM?

HAHA



NO, I'M
JUST HAPPY!

YOU ALWAYS
HAND OUT
WITH THE
SMART KIDS
IN CLASS,
DON'T YOU?

RIGHT!

NO...
I DON'T DISLIKE
YOU...

I WAS
AFRAID

YOU
DIDN'T
LIKE ME.

I'M
ALWAYS
LOUD AND
STUPID.

THAT'S WHY
I'M HAPPY!
♡

THE PLACE
IS NEAR BY
THE WEST
EXIT.

MAN...

OGASAWA-SAN
IS REALLY
WEIRD...

BUT SHE'S
WILLING TO
SPEND HER
SUNDAY WITH
ME...

AND
I'M SURE
SHE HAS A
BOYFRIEND.

SHE LOOKS
LIKE SHE'D BE
POPULAR WITH
THE BOYS.





WHAT
KIND OF
HAIRSTYLE

DO YOU
THINK
WOULD
LOOK BEST
ON ME?



IT'S
AS IF



REALLY?!



SO I WANT
HER OPINION
ON IT.

I DON'T
REALLY KNOW
MUCH ABOUT
THIS STUFF,

I
GUESS...



DONE.

THERE,

FLUFF

HER
ENTHUSIASM
RUBBED OFF ON
ME.



COMING
SOON BUT
THAT'S AN
EXPLANATION
ABOUT HOW
ABOUT...

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10 I-SAYT IF
11 A LITTLE
12 TOO SHORT

WILEY

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PRETTY
LIGHT,
DON'T YOU
THINK?

AND THIS
IS HOW IT
LOOKS LIKE
IN THE BACK.



COULD IT
BE THAT SOME
WATER MET?

ABSTRACT

IF YOU
REALLY
THINK
ABOUT IT...

1. *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 1997; 277: 1001-1005.

6-0000
TUESDAY



LOOKS LIKE
AKKO-CHAN
JUST FINISHED
TOO...

HOW DID YOU
TURN OUT,
MARI-CHAN?



UHHH...?



IT LOOKS
GREAT ON
YOU!

YOU LOOK
ADORABLE!



HUG



HUH?



I LOVE
YOUR STRAIGHT,
SHORT HAIR!



YEAH,
LOOKS
GREAT!



R-
REALLY-

ALSO,

I HAVE
TO KEEP IT
LONG AND
HEAVY,

SO I
REALLY ENVY
PEOPLE WITH
SHORT HAIR.

BECAUSE OF
THAT, I NEED
TO KEEP IT
LONG FOREVER

YOU NEED
TO KEEP
IT LONG
BECAUSE
NEW HAIR
IS WAVY.

SEE, IF
YOU GET IT
STRAIGHTENED
LIKE ME,

YOU NEED
TO KEEP IT
LONG
BECAUSE
NEW HAIR
IS WAVY.



WHAT'S
WRONG?

WHAT'S
WRONG?

YOU
LOOK SO
NICE WITH
SHORT
HAIR!

YEAH,



SHORT
HAIR LOOKS
GOOD...

ONLY ON
PEOPLE WHO
ARE CUTE.

W-WHAT

DO YOU
MEAN BY-



...

IT'S
EXTREMELY
TOP
SECRET.

D-DON'T
TELL ANYONE
IN CLASS I
SAID THAT!

WHAT?

OH,

GRAP!



SPARKY
COMES
AGAIN!



おははは

0002.
YOU MAKE
ME KEEP
TOO MANY
SECRETS!

THANK
YOU, COME
AGAIN!



SURE.
BUT...

MARI-CHAN,
WANT TO GO
OUT FOR
SOME TEA?

MAN, I'M
THIRSTY!



DOES IT
FEEL LIKE I'M
WALKING ON
CLOUDS?

BECAUSE MY
HEAD FEELS
LIGHTER NOW?

OKAY,
MICKEY D'S
IT IS!
I KNEW
IT...



WOW, YOU
SAW RIGHT
THROUGH
ME!

SO WHY
DON'T
WE DRAB
SOMETHING
TO EAT?

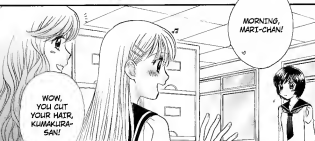
I KNOW
YOU'RE NOT
GOING TO BE
SATISFIED
WITH JUST
TEA.



I WAS DEPRESSED ON SATURDAY MORNING JUST BY THINKING ABOUT THE MAKE-UP TEST ON THAT DAY.



AND ON SUNDAY, I COULD HARDLY SLEEP



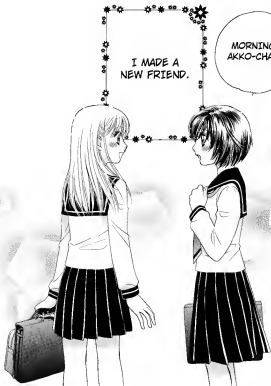
AND NOW,
IT'S MONDAY.

THE WIND THAT
BRUSHES PAST MY
NECK FEELS NICE.

M-

I MADE A
NEW FRIEND.

MORNING,
AKKO-CHAN.



LIVES IN KANG
SANGGULI AND
WORKS A PART-TIME
JOB AT ANA MILLERS IN
SEHAGAPPA



STU-PIE!

CHANGES AT
AKHARAK

LIVES IN
KITA-SHALLI



KITA-
SHALLI

KANG
SANGGULI

OVERGULI

SEHAGAPPA

SEHAGAPPA

AKHARAK

KITA-SHALLI

SEHAGAPPA

SEHAGAPPA

SEHAGAPPA

SEHAGAPPA IS
TOO CLOSE SO I
DON'T REALLY
GO



SEHAGAPPA
LIVES IN
AKHARAK



AKHARAK LIVES IN
AKHARAK

SCHOOL
COMBATE PLAN

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SHHH!?
ISN'T THAT
HEAVY AS
HOCK?

UHM...YES?
DON'T YOU
DO THAT?

MARI-CHAN,
ARE YOU
BY CHANCE
TAKING ALL
YOUR SCHOOL
BOOKS HOME
WITH YOU?

I NORMALLY
JUST
LEAVE THEM
IN MY DESK
AND IN MY
LOCKER.

MARI-CHAN,
LET'S GO
HOME!

WHAT ARE
YOU
DOING?

HEY,
HEY!



AND IF I
STUFF IT
SO FULL,
IT'S HARD
TO KEEP
BALANCE.

BUT...
MY BAG
MIGHT GET
OUT OF SHAPE
IF I FILL IT UP
WITH BOOKS.

SUSI-SAN
AND TAMARIN,
DON'T BOTH OF
YOU DO THE
SAME THING?!

WELL MY
BAG'S ALL
FILLED UP.



HANAKA LET'S
JUST LEAVE
THEM BE AND
GO HOME ALREADY!

IT'S
BECAUSE I
NEVER KNOW
WHEN I'LL
NEED THEM!

YES! BECAUSE
YOU STUFF YOUR
BAG FULL OF
BOOKS. WHY DO
YOU ALWAYS COME
ALL THAT ANGRY
AROUND ANYWAY?

DO
YOU
DO YOU
NEED
THESE?

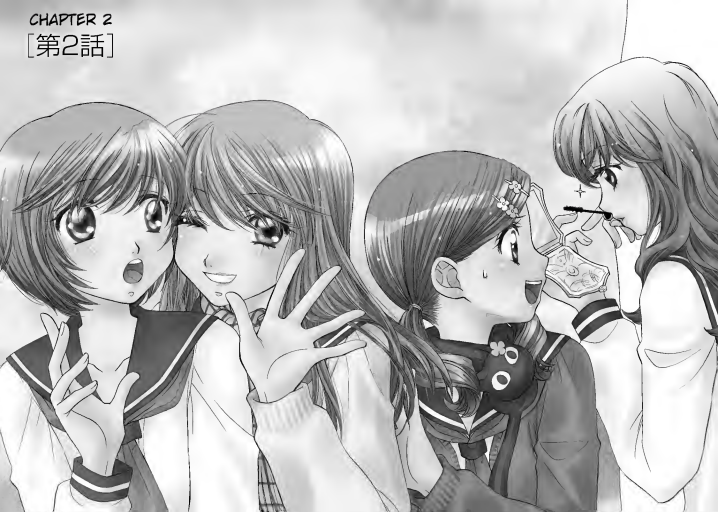
WHEN I
NEED
THESE
BOOKS?

YES
YES
YES!

THAT'S
ONLY NORMAL
FOR ARKO!

IN
CONTRAST
TO ARKO,
MARI-CHAN
ACTUALLY
STUDIES AT
HOME.







MAYBE THAT'S A GOOD THING SINCE AKKO IS DUMB AFTER ALL.

YOUR SEAT WAS PRETTY FAR AWAY, RIGHT MARI-CHAN?

YOU SEEM TO GET ALONG PRETTY WELL WITH THESE TWO.

BUT AKKO WANTED TO BECOME FRIENDS WITH YOU LIKE FOREVER.

YEAH WELL, BUT I GUESS THAT'S BECAUSE WE SAT SO CLOSE TO EACH OTHER IN THE FIRST SEMESTER.

!!

...OH!

YOU'RE MAKING ME BLUSH, AREN'T YOU!!

YOU'RE TALKING TOO MUCH!

WHAAH!
AHA HA HA!

I HAVE A GOOD IDEA!!

STOP STOP STOP
YOU'RE TOO EARLY!



PURIKURA?

EH...?

NOTE: PURIKURA IS A POPULAR ACTIVITY AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE IN JAPAN. GIRLS TAKE PICTURES IN A PHOTO BOOTH, WHICH THEY DISCARD BEFORE PURSUING THEM OUT.

I'LL TAKE OFF YOURS FOR YOU!

LET'S TAKE OFF OUR COATS.

IT'S SO WARM IN HERE!

GET IN!
GET IN!

EH?

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おんな

おんな
おんな



WHATEVER
...I DON'T
GET YOU.

AHH...BUT I
EVEN WORE
THIS
SUPER
CLUTE BRA
TODAY.

STOP
IT ALREADY,
OR YOU'LL
SCARE
MARI-CHAN
AWAY!

I BOUGHT THESE
AT BEACH JOHN'S
LAST WEEK.
WANNA SEE THE
BOTTOM?

PLEASE
STOP

HOW FAR
ARE YOU
PLANNING
TO GO??

LIHHH!



HEY!

I'VE NEVER
GOTTEN
HALF NAKED
IN A
PUREKURA
BOOTH,
YOU KNOW!!

PLEASE
DON'T
MIS-
UNDER-
STAND!!

S-SURE.



SINCE
I'VE
BECOME
FRIENDS
WITH
AKKO-
CHAN,

I'VE...

WHO ARE
YOU SHOWING
THOSE
PICTURES TO,
ANYWAY?

IT'S NOT
THAT I
ALWAYS
DO THIS...

JUST ON
OCCASIONS,
RIGHT?

DON'T
GET
THAT UP

IMAGINE WHAT IT
WOULD BE LIKE TO BE
AKKO-CHAN'S BOYFRIEND!
IS-SO EXCITING!

END OF
PART 1





HERE YOU GO! THESE ARE FOR YOU!

OH, THANKS...

BUT... SINCE WE DON'T DO THIS SO OFTEN, I THOUGHT ...

STOP WITH THE 'SINCE WE DON'T DO THIS SO OFTEN' ALREADY!

HEY SUBI-SAN! YOU'RE PUTTING WAY TOO MUCH GLITTER ON IT!!

PLEASE ALSO STOPPING BEING TOO ARMY ABOUT IT AND OTHER STUFF!!



IT STILL FEELS A BIT WEIRD...

TO BE A PART OF THIS GROUP.



BECAUSE... BEFORE THE MAKE-UP TEST TWO WEEKS AGO, WE HADN'T EVEN TALKED TO EACH OTHER.



EH?

OH...

LET'S STICK THEM RIGHT AWAY!

NOTE: PRINTED PICTURES COME IN STICKER FORM.



THIS IS WHAT
BEING
FRIENDS IS
ABOUT!



!!

EATING
FOOD
WITH THAT
SMILE ON
YOUR FACE
...!

SIS,
IT'S
DISGUS-
TING!



HMM...

FRIENDSHIP...





EVEN
THOUGH
SHE'S
SAYING
THE SAME
THING...

IT STILL
MADE ME
FEEL
HAPPIER.

WHEN I
HEARD IT
FROM MY
FRIENDS...

FEEL
FEEL...

STICK



**SHE WANTS
ME TO
BRING
'THAT'!?**



...EH?

W-
WHAT...?



OH, IT'S
AKKO-CHAN...

WHAT IS
SHE TEXTING
ME FOR?











EH?

ACTUALLY...
THAT'S THE
ONLY TIME
I EVER WENT
TO PURIKURA...

...WHEN
WE TOOK
PURIKURA
TOGETHER
YESTERDAY,
IT WAS
ACTUALLY
THE FIRST IN
A VERY VERY
LONG TIME



HM?
THE
PURIKURA
PIC?

YOU
KNOW...
THE
PICTURE
...

...I
GAVE
YOU...



SO...
THAT PICTURE
FROM
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL WAS
THE ONLY
ONE I HAD,
REALLY...

I FEEL SO
ASHAMED
ABOUT IT...

IN FACT...
BEFORE NOW
I NEVER
REALLY WENT
PLAYING WITH
FRIENDS AFTER
SCHOOL.

IN JUNIOR
HIGH SCHOOL,
I ALWAYS
WENT RIGHT
TO EVENING
SCHOOL AFTER
CLASS...



I JUST
FELT SO
ENVIOUS...

YOU
DON'T
HAVE
TO...!

EH!!?



SEEING
EVERYONE'S
PICTURES
LIKE THAT...



EVERYONE
WEARING
SUCH NICE
CLOTHES...

ALWAYS
SO
FASHIONABLE
AND CUTE...



AND I...
I DON'T
KNOW
ANYTHING
ABOUT
FASHION
REALLY.



IT'S JUST...

I'M
SO
BAD AT
IT...

YOU
SAID THE
OTHER DAY
THAT I
DRESS VERY
CASUALLY...



EH?

HEY,
MARI-
CHAN...



...I SUDDENLY
FELT SO ASHAMED
ABOUT MYSELF...

THAT I FELT
LIKE CRYING.







WHOA...

I-...
I TRIED
IT ON...



BUT...
ISN'T THIS
A BIT
SHORT...?

ISN'T
THAT
SUPER-
CUTE!?



AND
MAYBE
THIS...

OR
THIS ONE...

YOU
SHOULD
TRY THIS
ON TOO!





RIGHT?

SEN!
AKKO!

YEAH.
I LIKE
IT TOO.

I THINK...

OF
EVERYTHING,
I THINK I LIKE
THIS DRESS
THE BEST.

WHAT DO YOU
THINK?



IN A WAY...

I FEEL LIKE
I'VE BECOME
AKKO-CHAN.





I DON'T
HAVE ANYTHING
PINK, SO I
THINK I WANT
TO BUY
SOMETHING
PINK...

AND I
ALSO NEED
A DRESS...
AND A
MINISKIRT.

Y-
YEAH...

AKKO-CHAN,
THE CLOTHES
YOU WERE
WEARING THE
OTHER DAY
WERE PINK
TOO, RIGHT?

I THINK
I MIGHT
ALSO WANT
BOOTS LIKE
THE ONES YOU
ALWAYS
WEAR...

...



EH?
AKKO-
CHAN?

...?



BUT I
THINK I
CAN GET
USED TO
THEM...

I
ACTUALLY
DIDN'T LIKE
MINISKIRTS
SO MUCH...



ALL
RIGHT!
I HAVE TO
DO MY
BEST!





WHEN I RIDE THE
TRAIN, I'M ALWAYS
ENROGSED IN
MY PHONE.

FOR TEXTING
FOR INTERNET,
FOR GAMES....

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[CHAPTER 3]



CRACK

CRACK

MARI-
CHAN...

I'M
SORRY...



WHY IS
AKKO-CHAN
APOLOGIZING
TO ME?

WHY...

THIS
POSITION,
OR HOW SHE
UNDRESSED
ME...

THERE
ARE MANY
THINGS
I COULD
WORRY
ABOUT...

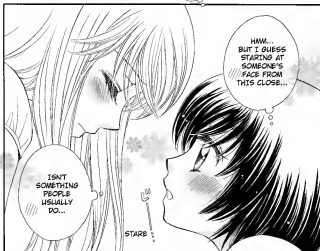
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MORE
IMPOR-
TANTLY...

WHOA...

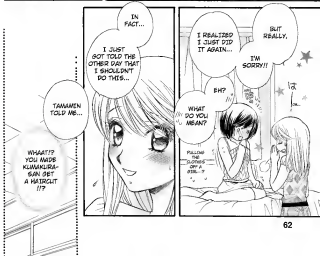


THEY'RE
SO
LONG...

HER
EYE-
LASHES...











...I JUST
WENT AHEAD...

AND FORCED
MY OWN
PREFERENCES
ON YOU...

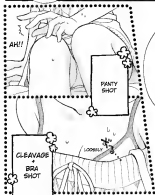
TODAY I
DID THE
SAME THING
OVER AGAIN...

THAT'S
NOT...

THAT'S
NOT TRUE
AT ALL!!

TH...







MARI-CHAN,
WHAT KIND OF CLOTHES
WOULD YOU LIKE TO WEAR,
YOURSELF?

HUH...



...ALL
RIGHT.

I HAVE
A GOOD
IDEA.



...DO
I TRULY
LIKE
...?



WHAT KIND
OF CLOTHES
DO YOU TRULY
LIKE?

WHAT
CLOTHES...





LOVELY,
ISN'T IT?

BECAUSE
THERE
ARE SO
MANY NICE
THINGS
IN WINTER
TIME,

SHOPPING
IN THIS
PERIOD
CAN BE
REALLY
DANGEROUS!

IT'S
SHOCKING
THAT ALL
THESE THINGS
WILL BECOME
HALF-PRICE
ONCE THE
SALES PERIOD
STARTS.

SO WE
HAVE TO
CONTROL
OURSELVES.

I WANT
THAT ONE AT
THE END!

WOULD YOU
GET ME?

GUESS?

NEED ONE!

WOULD YOU
GET ME?

I-
I SEE...

BECAUSE ON
THE FIRST DAY OF SALES,
KNOWING THE
GOOD PLACES IS
A MATTER OF
LIFE AND DEATH!!

YEAH!!
WE STILL
HAVE TO
GO CHECK
ALL THE
OTHER
STORES!

I'LL TRY
TO BE ON
TOUR!!

EVERY-
ONE'S
SO
PUMPED
UP!!

AND

LET'S
GO TO
PEACH
NEXT!!

LET'S
GO TO
PEACH
NEXT!!

I'LL
HAVE AN
OJEG TEA.

THERE ARE
TOO MANY
CUTE
THINGS!!
I DON'T KNOW
WHAT TO BUY!!

I'M
TORN
BY
WALKING.

AHHH...
LET'S
TAKE A
LITTLE
BREAK.

WHERE
NEXT?
MARU?

ME
TOO...

UHHH...
I GUESS
THAT AFTER
ALL...

UHHH...

SH?

Shima









WHEN YOU
GO TO THIS
MANY PLACES,

YOU GET
TO SEE
A LOT OF
THINGS THAT
YOU NORMALLY
WOULDN'T
CONSIDER.

BUT
SHOPPING
TOGETHER
CAN BE A
LOT OF FUN
TOO!



DON'T YOU
THINK YOU
CAN ALSO
FIND A STYLE
YOU LIKE,
MARI-CHAN?



JUST
FOR
ME...?

DID
EVERYONE
COME
TODAY...

OH!



BECAUSE YOU'LL HAVE TO BE THINKING ALL NIGHT ABOUT HOW YOU'RE GOING TO FIT YOUR NEW CLOTHES WITH YOUR OLD ONES.

WHY IS THAT?

IF YOU BUY SOME NEW CLOTHES, KNOW THAT YOU'LL BE TIRED THE NEXT DAY.



FASHION SHOW ALL NIGHT LONG.

YOU'LL BE PUTTING YOUR CLOTHES ALL OVER THE ROOM, AND CLEANING THAT UP IS A LOT OF WORK TOO.



BUT YOU KNOW?

AHAHAH!

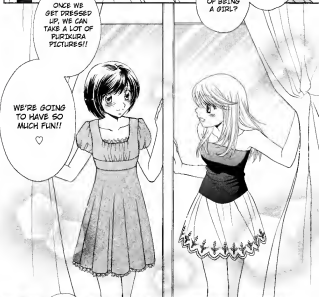


ISNT BEING
ABLE TO WEAR
SO MANY CUTE
THINGS,

THE
PRIVILEGE
OF BEING
A GIRL?

ONCE WE
GET DRESSED
UP, WE CAN
TAKE A LOT OF
PIRIRURA
PICTURES!!

WE'RE GOING
TO HAVE SO
MUCH FUN!!



LUNA...
MOM...

DO YOU
HAVE A
MINUTE?

OH,
MARIKO,
YOU'RE
PRETTY
LATE!

I'M
HOME!





WHEN YOU GO... I WANT TO GO WITH YOU.

IS IT OKAY IF I CHOOSE THEM MYSELF...?



WHEN WERE YOU PLANNING TO BUY SOME NEW CLOTHES FOR ME AGAIN?

HMM? WHAT'S THE MATTER?

EH? HMM, LET ME THINK...



Y-YEAH.

WHAT DID YOU BUY?

SURE, MONEY.

OH, WHAT'S THAT? DID YOU BUY THAT YOURSELF?



IF IT'S OKAY FOR YOU, I CAN JUST GIVE YOU MONEY, AND YOU CAN BUY IT YOURSELF.

THAT'S EASIER FOR ME AS WELL...

...OKAY!

THANK YOU MOM!!







WHAT
SHOULD I
WEAR IT
WITH?

YEAH, IT'S
REALLY CUTE!
I THINK IT
WOULD FIT WELL
ON DENIM,
SO IT'S REALLY
SOMETHING FOR
YOU!



YEAH, THIS
MUST BE
WHAT I LIKED
THE MOST TODAY.



I COULD
WEAR IT
ON MY DENIM
SKIRT...

MY
TURTLENECK
SWEATER
MIGHT FIT
WELL WITH
IT TOO...



AND
MAYBE WITH
THAT ONE
COAT...

THAT
NIGHT...

I GOTTA
ASK MOM
TO BUY ME
SOME NEW
SHOES AS
WELL...

AND
ALSO...

YEAH...

I HAD A
DREAM
I WAS
TRYING
LOTS OF
DIFFERENT
CLOTHES.





ON THE TRAIN,
I ALWAYS SIT DOWN
IF THERE ARE
OPEN SEATS.

IF I FOUND A SEAT,
I READ A NOVEL, OR ONE
OF THE BOOKS FROM
SCHOOL, GOING OVER
TOMMY'S LESSON
ONCE MORE.

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I HAVEN'T
FAILED A
SINGLE
SUBJECT!!

FOR THE
FIRST TIME
IN MY LIFE...



THEY AREN'T
EXACTLY
GRADING TO
BE SHOWING
OFF ABOUT
EITHER...

SHOULD
GETTING
BORDERLINE
PASSING GRADES
REALLY BE
YOUR TRUE
POTENTIAL?

HMM...

CHECK
IT
OUT!!

I ALWAYS
KNEW IT!
IF I TRY MY
BEST, EVEN I
CAN DO IT!

IS THIS
MY TRUE
POTENTIAL?



ME TOO!!
IT MUST BE
MORE FUN
THAN WITH MY
HOME TEACHER
THAT WAY!

I GOTTA
ASK MARI-
CHAN TO
HELP ME
NEXT TIME
TOO!

IN FACT,
AKKO-CHAN,
YOU KIND OF
CHEATED!

D-
DON'T SAY
THAT! I HAD
A LOT OF FUN
DOING IT,
ANYWAY...

HAVING
MARI-CHAN
HELP YOU
STUDY SO
MUCH, AND
STILL HAVING
SO LOW
SCORES...

DON'T
EVEN
THINK
ABOUT
IT!!

TODAY WE
GOT THE
RESULTS OF
THE SECOND
TRIMESTER'S
FINAL EXAMS.

...DON'T
YOU FEEL
BAD FOR
HER?

[CHAPTER 4]

THE WINTER
VACATION IS
GETTING NEAR.

BECAUSE
AFTER ALL,
MARI-CHAN
IS ALREADY
MY PRIVATE
TEACHER!





I'M ALSO GLAD THAT AKKO-CHAN'S GRADES HAVE GONE UP!

I DON'T LIKE THE FINAL EXAMS AT THE END OF A TRIMESTER...

BUT THE STUDY MEETINGS AFTER SCHOOL HAVE BEEN FUN!



IT'S NOT SO MUCH THAT AKKO-CHAN IS BAD AT STUDYING...

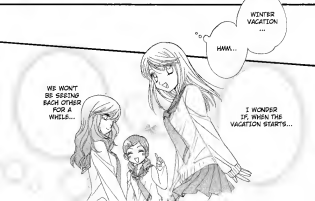
IT'S JUST THAT SHE HAS A SHORT CONCENTRATION SPAN.

AT MISTER DONUT

WELL, IF YOU DON'T TAKE QUESTIONS FROM OUR CUSTOMERS...

MAYBE I SHOULD JUST GET ONE MORE...

NOTE: MISTER DONUT IS THE STRANGEST DONUT SHOP IN JAPAN.



WE WON'T BE SEEING EACH OTHER FOR A WHILE...

WINTER VACATION ...

HMM...

I WONDER IF, WHEN THE VACATION STARTS...

WHOA...
SHE REALLY
HAS
BEAUTIFUL
LEGS...

AND HER
SHORT IS
SO CUTE...

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ぽぽぽぽぽ

JUST A LITTLE BIT

WE'VE
TAKEN A
LOT OF
PURKURA
PICTURES
BY NOW...

FLIP



PLAP

...ABOUT
THIS
LENGTH?

IT WOULD
ATTRACT
TOO MUCH
ATTENTION
TO MY CHUBBY
LEGS...

WOW, I
COULD
NEVER
DO
THAT!

...IF I
COMPARE
MYSELF TO
AKKO-
CHAN...

I'M
REALLY
...

NOW I
TAKE A
BETTER
LOOK,
AM I NOT
GETTING A
BIT CHUBBY
OVERALL...

WAIT...

COULD
IT BE...

ちゅぽぽぽぽ
ぽぽぽぽぽ

ちゅぽぽぽぽ
ぽぽぽぽぽ

I
GAINED
WEIGHT
...

I...

REPORT CARD

TOO
MUCH
FAST-
FOOD!!

WHATT
WHY ARE
YOU SAYING
THAT LIKE IT'S
WRITTEN IN
YOUR REPORT
CARD?

I GAINED
ALMOST
FIVE
POUNDS...

YESTERDAY
I GATHERED
MY COURAGE,
AND STOOD ON
THE SCALE,
AFTER A MONTH...

EH?!

WELL...
THE CAUSE
IS
OBVIOUS
...

BLOOD

EVEN
THOUGH
YOU'RE
THAT
SLIM...

NOW
I THINK
OF IT, WE
HAVE ACTUALLY
BEEN GOING TO
MISTER DONUT
EVERY DAY...

WHICH
MEANS,
I ALSO...

BUT...
I'M
STILL IN
THE
GROWING
PHASE!!

DON'T
TELL ME
YOU WERE
EATING
SWEETS
EVEN WHILE
STUDYING?!

YEAH, YOU'VE
BEEN GOING
TO MISTER
DONUT
EVERY DAY!

WHAT ARE
YOU GONNA
DO IF JUST
KEEP ON
GROWING
IN WIDTH?

EVEN IF
YOU'RE
LONER FOR
A MIN, IT'LL
BE TO NO
GOOD...



HOW ABOUT YOU GET A PART-TIME JOB IN THE VACATION? THAT SURE MAKES YOU MOVE AROUND.

I DON'T DO ANY SPORTS, AND I DON'T GET A LOT OF EXERCISE IN GENERAL...

SIGH...

I CAN ALWAYS INTRODUCE YOU TO MY PLACE!



WHY DON'T YOU CHECK YOURSELF FOR A WHILE, WORTHY?

SURE-SURE... YOU CAN BE SO CRUEL SOMETIMES...

DON'T EVERY GIRL CHECK HER WEIGHT AND FAT PERCENTAGE EVERY MORNING?

WHA, YOU SAY THAT JUST 'CAUSE YOU'RE SO SLIM.



BY THE WAY, WAS YOUR SCALE BROKEN?



HA HA HA

ISN'T THAT SO LIKE HER?

OH... ANNA MILLER'S...

THAT'S SO RUDE!! IT'S JUST ANNA MILLER'S UNIFORMS!!

W-WHAT?

NO WAY! I DON'T WANT TO WORK AT A PLACE WHERE PERVERTED GUYS JUST COME TO SEE GIRLS WEARING A SLUTTY UNIFORM.

I HATE YOU GUYS, WHY??

I DON'T FEEL VERY COMFORTABLE IN THAT KIND OF WORLD.



UNIFORM...

BT BUT I LOVE MY



SIGH...

I'LL HAVE TO SPEND MY VACATION GOING ON DIET...



BUT
REMEMBER
THAT LOSING
TOO MUCH
WEIGHT ISN'T
GOOD FOR YOU
EITHER!

I THINK
YOU'VE
GOT THE
PERFECT
FIGURE.

BUT YOU
HAVEN'T
GAINED
ANY
WEIGHT
AT ALL,
HAVE
YOU!!?

EH
!!?

M-
MAYBE...

...I
SHOULD
ALSO GO
ON A
DIET...

THEY'RE
THE ONES
TO SPEAK...



IT'S...

IT'S NOT
REALLY MY
WEIGHT
THAT BOTHERS
ME...

IT'S JUST
THAT I WANT
TO BE ABLE
TO WEAR
CUTE
THINGS...

AND THERE
ARE SOME
PARTS THAT
I'M A BIT
WORRIED
ABOUT...

REALLY?
WHERE
ARE YOU
WORRIED
ABOUT THEN?

YOUR LEGS?

I SEE...



...YEAH!

WE'RE
GOING ON
A DIET!!

LET'S
GO FOR
IT,
TOGETHER!

ALL
RIGHT
THEN!!



WHAT
EXACTLY
DO YOU
MEAN BY
THAT?

AREN'T
YOU
JOINING
THEM,
TAMAKO?

IT'S NOT LIKE
YOU CAN WEAR
REVEALING
CLOTHING DURING
WINTER ANYWAY.



SO...
THAT'S
HOW IT
WAS
DECIDED...

DAY ONE
OF WINTER
VACATION,
DAY ONE
OF OUR
DIET.

HEY,
MARI-CHAN!
DO YOU HAVE
A MOMENT
TO TALK?

OH!

WINTER VAC

FIVE POUNDS
DIET

WE CAN DO IT!!

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AS A
REWARD
♡

BUT THIS
TIME YOU'RE
WITH ME,
SO I FEEL
LIKE I CAN
REALLY DO
IT THIS
TIME!

BUT WE
SHOULD
DEFINITELY
GO SHOPPING
FOR THE
HOLIDAY
SALES
TOGETHER!!

UP UNTIL
NOW, I'VE
NEVER
BEEN ABLE
TO SUCCEED
AT A DIET,
REALLY.



...I DON'T
THINK WE
CAN LOSE
TONS* OF
WEIGHT,
THOUGH...

LET'S
LOSE TONS
OF WEIGHT,

AND
SURPRISE
SHUT-SAN
AND TAMAMON
WITH IT!

IT
FEELS
KIND OF
STRANGE...



...IS A DIET
SUPPOSED
TO BE
THIS
EXCITING?

OH YEAH,
I LOOKED
INTO
EXERCISING
A LITTLE
BIT...

AND
WALKING
OR A STEPPER
SEEMS
VERY
DOABLE.

YEAH,
WELL...

WHAT!
ISN'T THAT
TOO
BORING?

I HAD
THOUGHT
THE
WINTER
VACATION
WOULD BE
BORING,
BUT...



ONCE
STARTED,
IT'S
TOUGHER
THAN I
THOUGHT IT
WOULD BE.

BUT...

Distorted-looked
O man of walking
Stretching
Arm and back exer-
cises



MAKE
SURE YOU
EAT
PROPER-
LY !!

YOU DON'T
NEED A
DIET
ANYWAY!!



I
CAN'T EAT
TOO MUCH
DURING LUNCH.

MOM
IS ALREADY
ANGRY
WITH ME...



OH!

A
MESSAGE
...

A SINGLE
DAY
FEELS
SO...

...LONG!

STILL
ONLY 3
O'CLOCK...

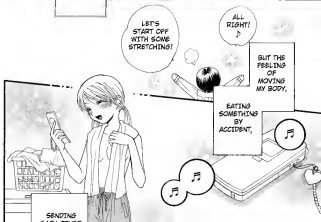
AND ALSO...

WHEN
THERE'S
NO
SCHOOL...

DINNER
IS STILL
A LONG
TIME
AWAY...



EXERCISING
SELF-
CONTROL
SURE IS
TOUGH.







A-
AKO-
CHAN...



AKO-CHAN
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?

WHAT IS
SHE
SENDING
ME...?



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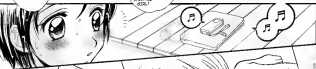
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♪

✉

OH!
IT'S
MARI-CHAN!



...







IT'S MY FIRST TIME SHOPPING IN A SALES PERIOD, SO I'VE BOUGHT WAY TOO MUCH...

ME TOO...

I HAD TO GET MY SHARE TO VISIT AS MUCH FAMILY AS POSSIBLE...

IT'S ONLY JANUARY 3, AND I'VE ALREADY USED UP MOST OF MY NEW YEAR'S MONEY!



YOU KNOW...

I'M A LITTLE TIERED OF IT...

SH?



?

WHAT'S THE MATTER?



DO WE'RE ALMOST FIVE YEARS!

SCHOOL'S ALMOST STARTING AGAIN TOO.

SINCE WE'VE BEEN SO STRICT WITH OURSELVES WITH THIS DIET, WE CAN SEE THIS AS A LITTLE REWARD.



EVEN THOUGH I DIDN'T EAT ANY SWEETS AT CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR,

I DIDN'T LOSE ANY WEIGHT...

A PLATEAU?

TO BE HONEST, SINCE THE END OF THE YEAR, I FEEL LIKE I'VE HIT A PLATEAU.





...



REALLY?
ARE YOU
SURE?

AND I DON'T
HAVE ANY
MONEY LEFT...

HEHE...
I THINK I
CAN HANG
ON FOR
A LITTLE
LONGER
ANYWAY.



☆
MISTER DONUT HAS
BECOME A STAR FROM
OUTER SPACE NOW!

NO MORE
NEEDS THE
OLD HATBOX
ANYMORE

Y-
YES!

LET'S AGREE
THAT FROM TODAY
ON, MISTER
DONUT HAS
DISAPPEARED FROM
THIS WORLD!!

YOU DIDN'T
HAVE TO GO
AS FAR AS
SENDING
IT TO
OUTER SPACE...

THANK
YOU,
MARI.



SO, FOR
TODAY, LET'S
TAKE A LITTLE
BREAK!

AND FROM
TOMORROW,

WE CAN
CONTINUE
THE FIGHT,
TOGETHER!



EH?

YOU
KNOW,

I'M
REALLY
HAPPY
THAT...

I'VE
BECOME
FRIENDS
WITH
YOU!

BUT...

THAT'S
EXACTLY
...

WHAT I
SHOULD
BE
SAYING...

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OH NO!
THIS IS SO
EMBAR-
RASSING!

I'VE
BEEN TOO
SHY TO
TELL
HER...



IF I WOULD HAVE GONE TO MISTER DONUT THAT TIME, I'M SURE I WOULD HAVE STARTED EATING UNTIL I DROPPED DEAD!

D-DROPPED DEAD...?

YEAH!!

I'M HAPPY THAT AFTER THAT TIME, BOTH OF US ENDED UP LOSING WEIGHT ANYWAY!

START OF THE NEW TRIMESTER



OH? DIDN'T YOU GET ENOUGH SLEEP?



I DIDN'T NOTICE SHE GAINED WEIGHT IN THE FIRST PLACE.

AH WELL...

DOES SHE REALLY THINK IT'S SO OBVIOUS TO OTHER PEOPLE THAT SHE LOST FIVE POUNDS?

I ACTUALLY SENT THEM BY TEXT THAT I DIDN'T MANAGE TO LOSE ANY WEIGHT AT ALL!

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO SUKI-SAN AND TAMAMIN'S SURPRISED FACES!



SO I HAD TO STAY UP LATE YESTERDAY TO FINISH ALL OF IT.

YEAH... WITH THE DIET I HAD FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT OUR HOMEWORK...



HUH?

HUH?
DIDNT
WE...

ISNT THAT
A SUMMER
VACATION
THING?

HOME-
WORK...?



EH?

HOME...
WORK...?

HUH...?



WITHOUT
REALIZING
IT...

JUST
LIKE
THAT,

I'M
SORRY!

BY THE
WAY...
WHY DIDNT
YOU TEXT
ME ABOUT
THAT?



LET'S
JUST HURRY
UP FOR NOW,
I'LL HELP
YOU COPY
MINE.

MY WHOLE
LIFE HAD
CHANGED...



WHY?

HUH?

MAYBE
WE SHOULDN'T
BE RUNNING
LIKE THIS
THOUGH...

OH...
BUT...



THAT
SHORT
SKIRT...

ACTUALLY...

WELL...



IT LOOKS
REALLY
GUTE ON
YOU!
BUT...

A MINUTE
AGO, WHEN
WE WERE
RUNNING UP
THE STATION'S
STAIRS...

EVERYBODY
COULD...

COMPLETELY
SEE YOUR
PANTIES!



WE'VE
ALREADY
SEEN EACH
OTHER NAKED
ANYWAY.

IT'S NO
FOODSAIL
SCARY!

AKKO,
YOU....!!

WHA...

BUT
WHAT IF
OTHER PEOPLE
SAW?

WHY
DIDN'T
YOU
TELL
ME?

THAT
WAS A
PRIVACY.

I'LL HAVE
TO FIX IT
BACK TO
IT'S NORMAL
LENGTH!

JUST MAKE
SURE YOU
COVER
YOURSELF
WITH YOUR
BAG AS YOU
GO UP A
STAIRCASE!

A LOT OF
THINGS
HAVING
CHANGED
LITTLE BY
LITTLE.

THE NEW
TRIMESTER
HAD
STARTED.

THE
USUAL
NEW YEAR'S
WEIGHT
GAIN...

SO...
WHO'S
THAT?

TEACH
AND HOW
TO GROW?

BHEH
??





YOU BURN MORE
CALORIES WHEN YOU STAND,
SO I NEVER TAKE A SEAT.

I HOLD MY BAG WITH
MY PALM OUTWARDS,
TIGHTENING MY
ARM AS A MUSCLE
EXERCISE. ♡

GIRL FRIENDS — ガールフレンズ —

SPARKLE

SPARKLE

THE TRAIN
ON PLATFORM
ONE WILL BE
ARRIVING
SOON.

PLEASE
STAND
BEHIND
THE WHITE
LINE.

AKKO'S
LATE
TODAY...

AND SHE
HASN'T
RESPONDED
TO MY TEXT...
IS SOMETHING
WRONG?



A K I H A B A R A

THE DOORS
OF THE TRAIN
ON PLATFORM
ONE WILL BE
CLOSING
SOON.

IF I DON'T
GET ON THE
TRAIN NOW,
I'LL BE LATE.

CAN'T HELP
IT...

I'LL TEXT
HER I'LL
BE GOING
AHEAD...



...HLIH?

WELL... SHE DIDN'T SHOW UP THIS MORNING...

HLIH? WHERE'S AKKO?

GOOD MORNING!

OH!

LATE?

OH, MORNING HARI-CHAN.

...IT SEEMS LIKE SHE'S STAYING HOME WITH A COLD TODAY...

YESTERDAY SHE SENT ME A TEXT AFTER TAKING A BATH, THAT SHE WAS WATCHING A DVD, BUT THAT SHE WAS FEELING COLD...

HMM... NOW I THINK OF IT...

YESTERDAY SHE WAS STILL TOTALLY OKAY... I WONDER IF SOMETHING HAPPENED...

I ALMOST OUTSTAYED AND WAS NEARLY TO CRY...

HAVING OUR JUST DIDN'T FEEL LIKE CRYING

A COLD? NOW THAT'S UNUSUAL.



IS THAT WHAT YOU WANT TO KNOW?

HAHAHA, THAT IDIOT!!

SO... WHAT MOVIE WAS SHE WATCHING?

ABOUT YOU MORRIS??

I TRULY WONDER!

[CHAPTER 5]





SIT
DOWN!

STAND
UP!

BOW!



SO SHE
WON'T
BE
HERE...

FOR THE
WHOLE
DAY...

GOHASHI
IS THE
ONLY ONE
ABSENT
TODAY?



TODAY IS
THE LAST
DAY YOU CAN
HAND IN THE
FORM ABOUT YOUR
COURSE
PREFERENCE
FOR SECOND
GRADE.

DO YOU
REMEMBER
WHAT I
SAID
LAST WEEK?



BEH!



AT
OUR
SCHOOL



OH,
RIGHT...



!



BEH!



BEH!



YOU OR AKKO DON'T EVER SKIP A DAY, USUALLY...

IT'S THE FIRST TIME WE HAVE LUNCH WITH JUST THE THREE OF US!

WE ALSO HAVE A SHORT TERM COLLEGE ATTACHED TO THE MAIN HIGH SCHOOL.

...IN CONTRAST TO TAMAMIN, WHO OFTEN PRETENDS TO BE SICK NOW AND THEN.

SO WHEN GOING TO SECOND GRADE, STUDENTS ARE PUT TOGETHER ACCORDING TO THEIR FUTURE SCHOOL PREFERENCE.

HEHE, YOU'RE RIGHT.

HUH?

BY THE WAY...

I THOUGHT, BECAUSE YOU ALL GET ALONG SO WELL, THAT YOU WOULD CHOOSE THE SAME COURSES FOR SECOND GRADE...

AND WE DON'T HAVE TO LEAVE THE FOOD COURT AREA OUT THERE.

IT'S A LOT QUIETER WHEN YOU AREN'T HERE, TAMAMIN.

AHA-HA...

IT'S REALLY QUIET WHEN AKKO ISN'T HERE, RIGHT?

SOME-TIMES I JUST DON'T GET OUT OF BED...



BUT...

IT'S SURPRI-SING...

WE'RE SO LUCKY WE CAN JUST STREAM INTO THE COLLEGE FROM THIS SCHOOL!

I DON'T WANT TO STUDY FOR ANY ENTRANCE EXAMS!

MY PARENTS WORK IN THAT FIELD.

YEAH... BUT I REALLY WANT TO GO TO A NURSING SCHOOL.

TAMAMI SEKINE - COURSE A
NORMAL PACKAGE

SATOKO SUGIYAMA - COURSE B
PREPARATION FOR EXTERNAL COLLEGE

I SEE...
SO...

SUGI-SAN
WILL GO TO
A DIFFERENT
CLASS...

MARIKO KUMAKURA
COURSE A
NORMAL PACKAGE

OH!

RIGHT...
EVEN WITHIN
THE SAME
COURSE,
GROUPS WILL
STILL GET
SHUFFLED...

IT'S NOT
CERTAIN
THAT EVEN
WE WILL BE
IN THE SAME
CLASS, YOU
KNOW?

BUT,
WAAH...
MARIKO-
CHAN.



HMM...
I SEE...

SO
THEY'RE NOT
WORRIED
ABOUT IT...

ISN'T IT?
I WAS
THINKING
THE SAME
THING!

SO I'M
NOT TOO
WORRIED
ABOUT IT.

IT DOESN'T
NECESSARILY
MEAN THAT
IF WE GET INTO
DIFFERENT
CLASSES,
THAT WE CAN'T
BE FRIENDS
ANYMORE.

HMM...
THE CLASS
SHUFFLE
EH...

THE CLASS
SHUFFLE...

BUT
STILL

IT'S TOO
BAD



THE PEOPLE
OF OUR
FRESHMANS
ROOM DON'T GO
"KIAI" YET

DON'T YOU
HAVE MORE
CLASSES
WHEN YOU
CHOOSE
COURSE B?

I'M
SORRY, BUT I
WOULDN'T
JOIN YOU
EVEN IF YOU
ASKED ME
TO.

I KNOW
YOUR GRADES,
SO I WON'T
EVEN TRY TO
ASK YOU
OR AKKO.



THAT I MIGHT
BE SEPARATED
FROM MY
FRIENDS.

AAAAHAH!

H-
HEY!

DON'T
CATEGORIZE
ME WITH
AKKO!

I'VE
NEVER
HAD TO
RETAKE
A TEST!!



WHY
HAVEN'T
YOU
ASKED
HER?

EH?

EH...
I THOUGHT
SHE WOULD HAVE
FIRST WANTED
TO TELL YOU
TWO, BEING
HER BEST
FRIENDS...

YOU DON'T ASK BECAUSE
SHE'S IN A STRUT?
DON'T WORRY, SHE'LL
WANT IT TO BE SECOND
GRADE AT LEAST...



I...

...I DON'T
KNOW...



BY
THE WAY,
WHICH ONE
DID AKKO
CHOOSE?

UWA...

SHE MUST
HAVE
CHOSEN
A!



—

...IS
WHAT I
THOUGHT...

AND THAT
AFTER THAT,
SHE WOULD
TELL ME
TOO...



AKKO'S
BEST
FRIEND...

ISN'T THAT
YOU,
MARI-CHAN?









GREAT!
THEN WE'LL
BE TOGETHER
IN SECOND
GRADE!



Y-
YEAH...

THAT'S
MY
CURRENT
PLAN...

MARI-CHAN,
YOU'RE
TAKING
COURSE A,
RIGHT?

OH!



I TOTALLY
FORGOT
ABOUT
THAT!

OH,
YOU'RE
RIGHT.

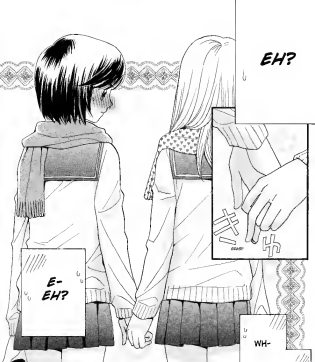
BECAUSE,
I WAS ALSO
THINKING
TO GO FOR
COURSE A.

B-
BUT YOU
KNOW...
THERE'S STILL
GOING TO BE
A CLASS
SHUFFLE...



BUT AT
LEAST WE'RE
IN THE SAME
COURSE.

BY
THE
WAY,





SO HE
GAVE IT
TO ME!

MY
BROTHER
WON IT
IN A
LOTTERY,
AND HE
DIDN'T
NEED IT...

HUH?
REALLY?

NO,
THEY'RE NOT
FAKE. I JUST
PUT NAIL
POLISH
ON.

I
TODAY
THOUGHT
THEY
WERE
FAKE!



BUT
DANG...

HUH?

I WANT
TO TRY
IT ON TOO,
NEXT TIME!

LET'S
GO!

SHINY
PINK!

HOW
CUTE!!

WOW

THANK
YOU!

AND LIKE
THIS, YOU'RE
NOT BREAKING
THE SCHOOL'S
RULES, SO IT'S
A GOOD IDEA
ACTUALLY!







GOOD MORNING!!
HUH?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

IT'S ALSO GOOD FOR YOUR NAILS, IF YOU MASSAGE THEM WITH OIL.

AHHAHAHA!

YOU'RE GOOD AT EXPLAINING, BUT YOU'RE NOT DOING ANYTHING OF IT YOURSELF!

...SPENDING OUR BREAKS,

TALKING ABOUT A LOT OF DIFFERENT THINGS...

YOUR NAILS ARE IMPROVABLE AS ALWAYS, SUGI-SAN!

MY BOY-FRIEND HAS A BIT OF A HAND FETISH, SO I'M PUTTING IN SOME EXTRA EFFORT.

HEY HEY!!

WHAT ARE YOU ALL TALKING ABOUT?

OH BOOP! HEARTING THOUGHT!



YAY!! LET'S GO SHOPPING FOR SOME TOOLS AT THE SONY PLAZA AFTER SCHOOL!

HANGING OUT AFTER SCHOOL...

SHOPPING NOW AND THEN...

I'M PRETTY GOOD AT IT!

I'LL TEACH YOU TWO ABOUT NAIL CARE SOMETIME IF YOU'D LIKE.

HAVING FUN...

EATING LUNCH TOGETHER...

ARE YOU MAKING FUN OF ME?

JUST TELL ME WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!!



OH, I
SAW THIS
ONE IN
A MAGAZINE!

THEY
MAKE YOUR
NAILS LOOK
LIKE THEY'RE
FROZEN, IT
SEEMS REALLY
CUTE!

IF WE
WOULD
END UP
IN A
DIFFERENT
CLASS...

MAYBE
I'LL GET ONE
OF THESE
STYLIP-TYPES.
THEY SHOULD
BE EASY ENOUGH
FOR EVEN ME
TO USE!

THIS
ONE LOOKS
SO CUTE!

WOULD WE
REALLY
BE ABLE
TO...

STAY AS
BEST
FRIENDS?

ONE LAYER
ON TOP OF
ANOTHER,
WITHOUT
ANY HURRY...

ONCE IT'S
DRY, APPLY
THE NEXT
LAYER...

...APPLY
A LIGHT
TRANSPARENT
COLOR...

FROM THE
TIP DOWN,
ONE STROKE
AFTER
ANOTHER...



I'LL
SHOW
AKKO
TOMORROW!

I GOTTA
TAKE A
PICTURE
OF THIS
BEFORE
I TAKE
IT OFF
AGAIN...

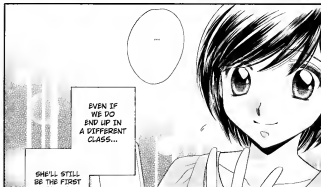


IT REALLY
LOOKS
LIKE SYRUP!

HOW
NEEDS...
♪



...TADAAA!

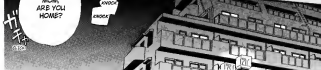


EVEN IF
WE DO
END UP IN
A DIFFERENT
CLASS...

SHE'LL STILL
BE THE FIRST
PERSON I
SHOW THINGS
LIKE THIS
TO...



ACCA,
ARE YOU
HOME?







...SO
THERE'S
NO NEED
TO WORRY.

I'LL MEET
HER TODAY,
AND THE
DAY AFTER
THAT,

AND
EVERY
DAY AFTER
THAT...



I'M ALWAYS READING
MANGA WHEN I'M
ON THE TRAIN.

I HAVE TO DO
MY BEST NOT TO
BURST OUT INTO
LAUGHTER!

GIRL FRIENDS — ガールフレンズ —



YOU BETTER
BE PREPARED
TO BE CALLED
A 'FOOLISH GIRL',
OVER AND OVER
AGAIN,
TAMAKI!

AHA-
HAHA!

MY
HOMEROOM
TEACHER
WILL BE
MAEDA...

HE SEEMS GOOD
ABOUT THAT!!

I
SUPPOSE
YOU COULD
EXPECT THAT,
BEING IN
COURSE B.

THE FOUR
OF US WON'T
BE TOGETHER
IN THE SAME
CLASSROOM
ANY LONGER...

DON'T
TELL
ME
ABOUT
IT
YET!!

TODAY WAS
THE VERY
LAST DAY

UGH...
STUCK
WITH
TAMAKO
AGAIN...

TAMAKO-TAMAKO
AND HOMEROOM
TEACHER FROM
YESTER DAY

YOU'RE WITH
ME SO IT'S
OK EVEN IF
YOU DO
FORGET!

CRACKLE

I WAS
PRETTY
NERVOUS
YESTERDAY...

YOUR
HOMEROOM
TEACHER
WILL BE
NARU-CHAN!
LUCKY
YOU!

WHAT
GROUP
ARE YOU
TWO IN?

EVEN THOUGH
I KNEW WE
WOULD
STILL
BE FRIENDS.

IN CASE
WE WERE
PUT IN A
DIFFERENT
CLASS...

DANG,
I WON'T
BE ABLE
TO REMEMBER
WHERE MY
SHOE LOCKER
IS!

YAY!

WE'RE
IN GROUP
ONE!

[CHAPTER 6]

I'M
SUCH A
CHILD...

BUT NOW,
I CAN
LOOK
FORWARD
TO
TOMORROW!

AH...

UGH...
I'LL BE
STUCK WITH
TAMAZO UNTIL
I GRADUATE!

CHEER UP!
YOU TWO ARE
ALWAYS WELCOME
IN OUR NEW
CLASSROOM!

YOU
TWO ARE
SO LUCKY,
BEING IN
THE SAME
CLASS...





はなは

YEAH,
DON'T
WORRY!

ALL
RIGHT
THEN,
AKKO...

ARE
YOU
SURE?

OH, YOU
CAN JUST
CALL ME
AKKO, YOU
KNOW!

YOU CAN
JUST CALL
ME AKKO!

THAT WAS
MARU-CHAN...

REALLY?
THEN...

IT WASN'T
THAT LONG
AGO...

THAT
SHE...

TOLD
ME TO
CALL HER
AKKO...

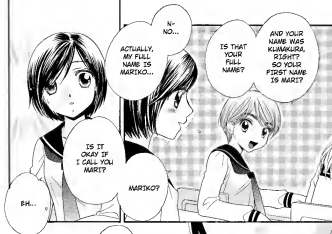
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IT?

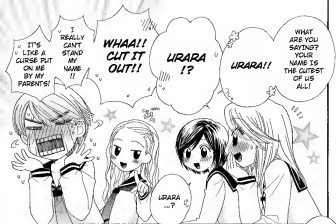
EH?

OH!

Y-
YEAH.

MARI?







THEY'RE
VERY
DIFFERENT
FROM
SLUGI-SAN
AND
TAMAKIN.

BUT
THEY'RE
NICE AND
FUN!

EVERY
DAY...



IS A
LOT OF
FUN...



MARI-
CHAN!

AKKO!



I'M
SORRY...

AH...

DON'T
YOU WANNA
COME TOO,
MARI?



I'M PRETTY
HUNGRY TOO,
AND I LOVE
MOSS BURGER!

HEY, WE
WANTED TO
GO TO MOSS
BURGER! AREN'T
YOU TWO JOINING
US?

OH...
I'M SO
HUNGRY!!
P.S. DURING
THE LAST
PERIOD SHOULD
BE BANNED...



I HAVE
TO PICK UP
A BOOK
I ORDERED,
SO...

THE BOOK-
STORE?

EH?

I REALLY
GOT TO
GO TO THE
BOOKSTORE
AT ICHIBAYA
TODAY, SO
I CAN'T...

MOSS
BURGER
IS AT
KUDAN-
SHITA
STATION
RIGHT?



SORRY...

I
SEE...

TOO
BAD!





HMM...
I SEE.

SUGI-SAN
DOESN'T WANT
TO BE SEEN
WITH THE
NERDY PEOPLE,
SO THAT'S
ALSO A REASON...

THEY'RE
A BIT OF
THE NERDY
TYPE
THOUGH...

AND BY THE
WAY, I GET
ALONG REALLY
WELL WITH
A FEW GIRLS
FROM MY
CLASS...

AND DON'T
THE CLASSES
FROM COURSE
B END LATER
ANYWAY?

HMM...
I'VE BEEN
GOING HOME
FROM
ICHIHAYA
LATELY.



SURE...

I'LL
INTRODUCE
YOU TO
THEM NEXT
TIME!

WE WERE
TOGETHER
UNTIL JUST
A LITTLE
WHILE AGO.

THAT
DOESN'T
MEAN WE
CAN'T BE
FRIENDS
ANYMORE!

EVEN IF
WE END
UP IN A
DIFFERENT
CLASS,





I GUESS
I HAVEN'T
USED TO
IT YET...

BUT
FOR ME...



HOW
ABOUT YOU?
HOW IS
YOUR NEW
CLASS?



HAHA,
I CAN
IMAGINE!!

AKKO
FEELS
TOTALLY
AT HOME
ALREADY!

IT'S NICE!
WE'VE MADE
A FEW NEW
FRIENDS TOO!



...AKKO
WOULDN'T
SHUT UP
ABOUT
YOU!

BEFORE WE
BECAME
FRIENDS WITH
YOU, EVERY
TIME DURING
LUNCH TIME,

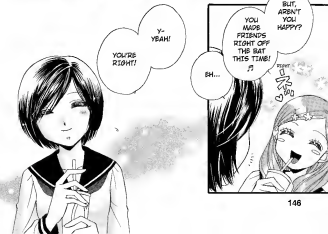
HMM...
THAT
MAKES
ME THINK
OF IT...

HUH?



IN FIRST
GRADE,
I WAS ONLY ABLE
TO TALK
TO THOSE
SITTING
NEAR TO ME.

I'M JUST
REALLY
SHY IN
FRONT OF
NEW
PEOPLE.



I'VE
ALWAYS
BEEN LIKE
THAT...

DURING
BREAKS,
DURING
LUNCH...

...NOT
KNOWING
HOW TO
START
TALKING
TO ANYONE
IN THE
CLASS...

NOW I
THINK
OF IT...

I REALLY
DID READ
A LOT OF
BOOKS
AT THAT
TIME...

ESPECIALLY
GIRLS LIKE
AKKO AND
SUGI-SAN...

I JUST
COULDN'T
IMAGINE
WHAT KIND OF
CONVERSATIONS
THEY WERE
ALWAYS
HAVING...

BUT...

I WAS
ALWAYS
A LITTLE
BIT
ENVIROUS.

LEARNING
ABOUT
FASHION...

IT'S ALL
BEEN SO
MUCH FUN.

BECOMING
FRIENDS
WITH
AKKO,

CHANGING
MY
HAIR-STYLE

...

SO...

EVERY
TIME ONE
OF OUR
NEW FRIENDS
CALLS HER
'AKKO'...

SOMETHING
DOESNT
FEEL
RIGHT...

I ALSO FELT
SO WORRIED
WHEN THEY
ASKED ME
IF THEY
COULD CALL
ME 'WART'...

I THINK
I...

...KNOW
THE
REASON
WHY...

BECAUSE,

I DON'T
WANT ANY-
ONE BUT
AKKO TO
CALL ME
'WART'!

I
WONDER...

THAT I
JUST WANT
HER ALL
FOR
MYSELF?

IS
IT...



I SHOULDN'T
BE FEELING
LIKE THIS.

I SHOULD BE
HAPPY THAT
AT LEAST I
ENDED UP
IN THE
SAME CLASS...

AM I REALLY
THAT
SELFPISH...

SUGI-SAN
AND TAMAMEN
TOLD ME
THE OTHER
DAY...

IN REAL
FRIENDSHIP,
IT DOESN'T
MATTER HOW
LONG YOU'VE
KNOWN
EACH OTHER.

I'M
SUCH
A CHILD...

IT'S SO
EMBARRASSING
TO EVEN
THINK
ABOUT IT !!

I SHOULD
BE HAPPY...

I CHANGED
BECAUSE
OF HER.

I HAVE
TO BE
STRONG!

I HAVE
TO BE
NICE TO
MY NEW
FRIENDS
AS WELL!

IT'S...

IT'S
TIME FOR
ME TO
GROW UP!



GOOD
MORNING!

GOOD
MORNING,
AKKO AND
MARI-CHAN!

HMM...
OH YEAH...?
SO WE...?

YEAH,
THAT'S
GOING TO
BE TODAY.

HEY,
HEY!

DO YOU
KNOW IF
WE HAVE
CLASSIC
LITERATURE
TODAY?



WHAT?
ALL OF
THEM?!

SO SHE
DOESN'T
EVEN HAVE
TO THINK OF
ANY SCHEDULE.

YOU KNOW,
AKKO JUST
LEAVES
ALL HER
BOOKS AT
SCHOOL.

THAT'S
PRETTY
MESSED
UP!



WHAT?
THAT'S
SO STUPID
OF YOU!

UGH,
I WAS STILL
THINKING IN
TERMS OF
LAST YEAR'S
SCHEDULE, SO
I BROUGHT
THE WRONG
BOOKS!

SHUT
UP.



AKKO!
HOW CAN
YOU LAUGH
AT ME WHEN
YOU'RE SO
MUCH
WORSE!?

HA HA
HA



I GUESS
IT'S OKAY
LIKE THIS.

YOU
GOTTA
HEAR
THIS...!

WHOA
!!

GOOD
MORNING!!
WHAT'S THE
NEWS
TODAY?

!

IF I CAN
JUST DO
THIS
PROPERLY...

...IT'S
FINE,
RIGHT?

DO YOU
TWO HAVE
BOYFRIEND'S?

AKKO
AND
MARI-
CHAN,

HEY...

CHEMISTRY
CLASSROOM



NOTE: ON JAPANESE VALENTINE, ONLY GIRLS HAVE TO GIVE A PRESENT. ONE MONTH LATER, ON WHITE DAY, IT'S THE AGES TURN.

...NOT THAT I DON'T RECOGNIZE THAT FEELING.

YOU JUST WANTED TO CELEBRATE VALENTINE ANYWAY, DIDN'T YOU?

AH-HA-HA-HA

BUT THAT'S NOT HOW IT SHOULD BE DONE.

SO, TO SHOW THE POOR GIRL HOW IT'S DONE, WE HAD TO HOLD THAT VALENTINE PARTY.

SHE THOUGHT THAT ON VALENTINE SHE WAS SUPPOSED TO GIVE HER A PRESENT.

ONE OF MY FRIENDS HAS A BOYFRIEND THOUGH.

ARE YOU SERIOUS?

I DIDN'T KNOW...

BECAUSE

I HAD JUST ASSUMED FROM THE FIRST TIME, "THAT SHE HAD A BOYFRIEND..."

ACTUALLY

I'VE BEEN WANTING TO ASK HER SO MANY TIMES.

BUT I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU WOULDN'T HAVE ONE!

ISN'T IT?

WOULD THERE BE A PERSON SHE LIKES?

IF SO...

AKKO, DO YOU HAVE A BOYFRIEND?

IT NEVER CAME UP IN ANY CONVERSATION, SO I DID START WONDERING IF SHE WAS SINGLE AFTER ALL.

MARI-
CHIN,
YOU DON'T
HAVE ONE
EITHER,
RIGHT?

NO,
I DON'T...

AH WELL,
I'M HAPPY
YOU DON'T!
♪

I DON'T
HAVE
ONE,
OKAY?

GGEEZ,
JUST
LEAVE
IT BE!

BUT...

ARE THE
TWO OF YOU
FREE, BY
CHANCE?

YOU KNOW,
I'M HAVING
A MATCH-MAKING
PARTY ON
SATURDAY.

THEY ARE
SOME GUYS
FROM
TASUKE'S
PART TIME
WORKPLACE.

WHO ARE
THE
GUYS?

I
COULDN'T
GET
MYSELF...

IT WOULD
BE SO
AWESOME
IF YOU
COULD
COME!

EH...
A MATCH-
MAKING
PARTY...?

HMM...
SATUR-
DAY...

I
PROMISED
I WOULD
BRING SOME
REALLY
CUTE
GIRLS...

...GET
MYSELF
TO ASK
HER.







WE SLEEP...

BEFORE WE
KNOW IT, WE'RE
ASLEEP...

GIRL FRIENDS — ガールフレンズ —



HAY?
WHAT ARE
YOU DRESSING
UP FOR,
MARIKO?

ARE YOU
GOING
SOMEWHERE?

ALL
RIGHT...

DON'T
BE HOME
LATE.

YEAH.

I'LL BE OFF
THEN.

BM?

NO,
JUST
SOME
FRIENDS
FROM
SCHOOL!

M-
MARIKO...
W-WHO ARE
YOU SEEING
TODAY?
ARE YOU
MEETING A
G-GUY...?

M-
MARIKO...
DADDY
BELIEVES
YOU...

[CHAPTER 7]



TODAY IS
THE VERY
FIRST TIME
I GO TO
A MATCH-
MAKING
PARTY...





DRESSES
LOOK SO
GOOD ON
YOU!

YOU LOOK
SO
ADORABLE
IN IT!

IT
REALLY
LOOKS SO
GOOD ON
YOU!

I DID
IT...

JUST TO
HEAR AKKO
SAY THOSE
WORDS!

KIND
OF...



THANKS!

ONE GIRL
THAT ALWAYS
USED TO
JOIN. FOUND A
BOYFRIEND,
YOU SEE...

WHY
WHY IS
THAT?

IT'S SO
HARD TO
GET PEOPLE
TOGETHER!

IT'S
BEEN SUCH A
LONG
TIME!

I'M STILL
A CHILD,
AFTER
ALL...





HAVEN'T YOU REALIZED?? THE BOYFRIEND ALWAYS BECOMES NUMBER ONE, YOU SEE.

HUH? REALLY??

WHATT? HOW CRUEL!

AND IF THE BOYFRIEND THEN INVITES HER FOR ANYTHING, SHE HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO GO.

UWA...



YEAH, WELL... THAT'S TRUE TOO.

BUT MORE THAN THAT, DON'T YOU THINK GIRLS KIND OF ABANDON THEIR FRIENDS ONCE THEY GET A BOYFRIEND??

★

YEAH, I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN!

IT'S SO HARD TO INVITE GIRLS WITH A BOYFRIEND, BECAUSE THEY ALWAYS HAVE SOMETHING PLANNED ALREADY!



M-MAYBE THAT'S JUST ME...



IS THAT SO...

WERE YOU JUST TALKING ABOUT YOURSELF !!?

YOU'RE SO MESSED UP!!

I HAVE NO EXPERIENCE SO I DON'T KNOW.

WHAA-HAA-HAA-HAA !!



IF AKKO
EVER
GETS A
BOYFRIEND,

I'M SURE
THAT...

IF AKKO
ALSO
ENDS UP
WITH A
BOYFRIEND
TODAY...

WILL HER
BOYFRIEND
WILL
BECOME
HER
NUMBER
ONE AS
WELL?

SHE
MIGHT
JUST GET
A BOYFRIEND
TODAY.

AKKO...
I'M SURE
ANY GUY
WOULD
LOVE HER.

TAKE THEM
FOR
EXAMPLE...
THEY GOT
ALONG SO
WELL!

BUT THEY
GOT
SEPARATED
THAT EASILY,
JUST BY
CHANGING
CLASSES.

WHAT
WOULD
HAVE
HAP-
PENED?

WHAT IF
I HAD
ENDED
UP IN A
DIFFERENT
CLASS...





HUH?

SEE?
DIDN'T
I TELL
YOU?

IF YOUR
STOMACH
HURTS SO
MUCH IT MAKES
YOU CRY, YOU
SHOULD JUST
CALL IT
A DAY!



I KNOW
IT SUCKS,
BUT I'LL
HAVE TO
TAKE HER
HOME!

N-
NO...
I'M-

EH...

HUH?
REALLY!?
ARE YOU
OKAY!?!?

YOU SEE... SHE'S
FEELING REALLY SICK
FROM THIS MORNING,
BUT SHE DIDN'T
WANT TO CANCEL LAST
NIGHT, SO THAT'S
WHY SHE CAME
ANYWAY...

YEAH...
THAT MIGHT
BE B-
OH! BUT WHAT
ABOUT THE
PARTY!?!?

YOU
SHOULDN'T
BE DRINKING
IF THAT'S
THE CASE!!

YEAH!
THEN THERE
WILL BE TWO
GIRLS
MISSING!



JUST
LEAVE
IT TO
ME!

OH!





I WOULD
NEVER HAVE
GIVEN UP
ON TRYING
TO BECOME
YOUR FRIEND!

CAUSE
YOU KNOW,
IF YOU HAD
REFUSED MY
OFFER THAT TIME
TO GET A
HAIRCUT
TOGETHER,

YOU AREN'T
REALLY THE TYPE
OF GIRL THAT
GOES TO THOSE
KIND OF PARTIES,
OR TO BARS
LIKE THAT,
ARE YOU?

Y-
YEAH...

AH...
WELL...

YEAH...

THE
REASON
IS NOT
WHAT SHE
THINKS
IT IS...

UHM...
SHE'S
KIND OF
RIGHT...
BUT NOT
EXACTLY...



BUT IF IT
MAKES YOU
FEEL BAD TO
REFUSE
SOMETHING
THEN YOU
AREN'T REALLY
FRIENDS.

WELL...
IT'S NOT
THAT
FRIENDS
AREN'T
IMPORTANT.

IF YOU
DON'T FEEL
LIKE GOING,
YOU SHOULD
JUST GO
AHEAD AND
REFUSE!



I CALLED
IN TWO
SUPER-CUTE
GIRLS TO
TAKE OUR
PLACE.

AND BY
THE
WAY,

BESIDES,
THEY AREN'T
THE TYPE OF GIRLS
TO BE ANGRY
ABOUT SOMETHING
LIKE THAT.



I-
I SEE...



DON'T
YOU WANT
THEM TO
GET TOGETHER
AGAIN?

BECAUSE
YOU KNOW...
TAMAMIN AND
SUGI-SAN...

THEY
HAVEN'T
SPENT THAT
MUCH TIME
TOGETHER SINCE
THEY CHANGED
CLASSES...



YOU'RE
RIGHT!

AKKO...



SO I
FEEL KIND
OF SORRY
FOR THOSE
GUYS WHO
ARE PAYING
THE BILL...

BUT YOU
KNOW...
SUGI-SAN
CAN REALLY
DRINK A LOT...

SHE
KNEW
ABOUT
IT...

TAMAMIN
CAN EAT
A LOT TOO...

REMEMBER
GUYS
WHY
DRINK







DON'T WORRY,
SHE'S ON A
BUSINESS TRIP,
AND SHE WON'T
COME HOME
BEFORE MONDAY.

B-
BUT, WHAT IF
SHE SUDDENLY
COMES HOME?
WON'T WE BE
IN BIG TROUBLE
THEN?

MY
MOTHER
LIKES
DRINKING.

SO WE
HAVE A LOT
OF DIFFERENT
THINGS HERE.

IS YOUR
FATHER ON
A BUSINESS
TRIP TOO?



OH,
NO...

THERE'S ONLY
ME AND MOM
IN THIS
HOUSEHOLD.



HAVE YOU
HEARD OF
THIS?
KAHLUA
MILK...

THIS IS
SOOO GOOD
WHEN YOU
MIX IT WITH
MILK!!

AHA!

FOUND IT!



WHEN I
THINK
ABOUT
IT...

SO SHE
DIDNT
HAVE A
BOY-
FRIEND...

SHE DIDNT
HAVE A
FATHER...



YEAH...



MAYBE
I DONT
KNOW HER
AT ALL...

LET'S
ENJOY
THIS!

CHING
★

CHEERS!!



Y-
YEAH...

AREN'T
YOU
PRINKING?
IT'S REALLY
YUMMY!

I'VE
NEVER DRANK
ALCOHOL
BEFORE...

WHAT
SHOULD
I DO...

UHM...



WATER NO
FOGET!

BUT THIS
ONE ISN'T
A PROBLEM.
IT'S A LITTLE
BIT LIKE COFFEE
AND MILK, SO I
LOVE IT!



BESIDES,
I GET
DRUNK
SO
EASILY...

BUT
REALLY?

ACTUALLY,
I ALSO HATE
MATCH-MAKING
PARTIES, AND
GOING OUT
DRINKING
LIKE THAT...

FOR SOME
REASON I
SEEM TO
GIVE PEOPLE
THE
IMPRESSION
THAT I LIKE
THEM...



...

AKKO'S
FAVORITE
DRINK...



I WANT
TO KNOW...

...WHAT
IT'S
LIKE...

...

GULP...

...IT
DOES!

I CAN'T
BELIEVE
THIS IS
ALSO
ALCOHOL!

WHAT DO
YOU THINK?
DOESN'T IT
TASTE LIKE
COFFEE WITH
MILK?

AKKO WHO HATES HER TALK
ABOUT COFFEE LOBLO.

SO
THIS IS
WHAT...

...AKKO'S
FAVORITE
DRINK
TASTES
LIKE.

YOU'RE
RIGHT!

IT
TASTES
REALLY
GOOD!

AKKO HAS
A LOW
ALCOHOL
TOLERANCE,
BUT SHE
LOVES
KAHLUA
MILK...

AND
SHE
DOESN'T
LIKE
MATCH-
MAKING
PARTIES...

IT'S BEEN
LIKE THAT
SINCE I WAS
A CHILD,
SO I'VE
GOTTEN
USED TO
IT.

AREN'T
YOU LONELY
IF YOUR
MOTHER IS
AWAY SO
OFTEN?

ALTHOUGH I
THINK MORE
CONVERSATION
WOULD BE
NICE, RATHER
THAN ALL THE
TEXTING...

I GOT
TO KNOW
A FEW
NEW THINGS
ABOUT HER!



IS THE PARTY FINISHED?

REALLY? WHAT ARE THEY SAYING?

IT'S FROM TAMAKIN AND THE OTHERS!

OH, IT'S NOT HERE.



DOESN'T YOUR MOTHER SEND TEXTS?

ISN'T THAT NORMAL?

WHOA, YOUR MOTHER SENDS YOU TEXTS?



AWAHHAH! THAT'S SO CUTE!

MY MOTHER IS REALLY BAD WITH ELECTRONICS, SO SHE HATES USING A CELL-PHONE TOO...

HM?

OH, IT'S A MAIL.

HAHAHA!
HEHEHE!



UWA...

HEADING TO THE
ER PARTY NOW! IS

MARI-CHAN FEELING BETTER
THE MORE SUGI-SAN DRANK,
THE MORE CLOTHES SHE TOOK
OFF, SO THE BOYS ENDED UP
TREATING US TO A LOT OF DRINKS!

THINGS GOT PRETTY CRAZY IN
THE END! ☆

CHECK IT OUT.

AND THERE'S MORE!



THANKS SO
MUCH FOR
INVITING
BOTH OF US
TOGETHER!

♪

AND
ALSO...

I
REALIZED
THIS
TODAY...



AKKO
TAKES SUCH
GOOD CARE
OF HER
FRIENDS...

ISN'T
THAT NICE
FOR THEM?



SHE'S
SO
SWEET!



AKKO...

AKKO?





FOREVER...

TOGETHER...

THERE WOULD
HAVE BEEN
NO NEED FOR
HER TO BE
LONELY...

HOW
PINK...

HOW
SOFT...

...IF I
WOULD HAVE
BEEN THERE
FOR HER...



〔初出〕

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THIS IS HOW
THINGS TURNED
OUT!

A GIRL WITH
LONG HAIR...

ONE WITH
SHORT HAIR...

SCHOOL
UNIFORMS...

A LITTLE
BIT OF
GIRLS
LOVE...

THESE
SEEMED
FAIRLY FAR.

THEY BASICALLY
TOLD ME THAT
AS LONG AS THE
MAIN CHARACTER
IS A GIRL,
I COULD WRITE
ANYTHING I
WANTED.

THANK YOU VERY
MUCH FOR BUYING
(OR BORROWING)
THE FIRST VOLUME
OF GIRL FRIENDS!!

MY NAME
IS
MORINAGA.

IF YOUR HAIR WAS
LONGER THAN
SHOULDER-LENGTH,
YOU HAD TO TIE
IT TOGETHER WITH A
BLACK RUBBER BAND.
PERMS WERE BANNED,
AND IN WINTER
WE HAD TO WEAR
BLACK STOCKINGS
UNDER OUR SKIRTS.
ALL IN ALL,
IT WAS A PRETTY
STRICT SCHOOL.

THAT'S
TERRIBLE!

THE AREA THE
SCHOOL IS IN WAS
BASED ON MY OLD
SCHOOL.

I LOVE THE GIRL
WITH ALMOND SHAPED
EYES AND LONG
STRAIGHT HAIR.

BUT I ALSO
LOVE SCHOOL
UNIFORMS,
AND BOBBED
HAIR...

WAS THE WAY
OF DRESSING
IN OUR
SCHOOL.

THEY DO
YOU DO?

THERE WERE KIDS THAT
EVEN USED TO STEAL
PICTURES FROM THE
SPORTS NOTICE BOARDS.
IF NONE OF THE GIRLS
THEY LIKED APPEARED
ON THEM.

SINCE IT WAS
AN ALL-GIRLS
SCHOOL, WE
WERE ALWAYS
LOOKING UP
TO THE OLDER
GIRLS AS
GOSSIPERS...

HOWEVER, EVEN THE SCHOOL'S STRICT
RULES DIDN'T STOP THE CUTE GIRLS
FROM BEING CUTE!

WHenever I SAW CUTE OR BEAUTIFUL
GIRLS, IT WAS HARD TO BELIEVE WE WERE
ACTUALLY GOING TO THE SAME SCHOOL,
AND WEARING THE SAME UNIFORMS!

IT'S NOT LIKE
WE COULD POSSIBLY
GO TO BUY
THEM!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

BUT THERE WERE ACTUALLY SOME GIRLS' COUPLES.

AT THAT TIME MY HEART THROB AS A NEW GIRL WERE ALREADY OVER

THERE WERE NO CELL-PHONES FOR EXAMPLE...

HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF A BEEPBEET?

OF COURSE, A LOT HAS CHANGED SINCE I WENT TO SCHOOL, SO AKKO AND MARI'S SCHOOL LIVES AREN'T EXACTLY THE SAME AS MINE WAS.

THIS STORY IS BASED ON MY SCHOOL MEMORIES PLUS MY IMAGINATION.

ANYWAY, I PLAN ON WRITING THE CONTINUATION TO THIS STORY FREELY AND EASILY, BASED ON THE VAGUE MEMORIES FLOATING AND SWIMMING AROUND IN MY MIND.

THERE IS WHAT I ACTUALLY LOOK LIKE WHEN IMAGINATING MY APPEARANCE.

THE OTHER DAY, I WANTED TO GO TO MY OLD SCHOOL TO TAKE SOME REFERENCE PICTURES, BUT I FELT SO ASHAMED OF THE IDEA TO GO BACK!

NONETHELESS, I ENDED UP GOING ONLY TO FIND OUT THAT THE SCHOOL HAD BEEN REPLACED BY A BIG OFFICE BUILDING.

AND THAT'S HOW THIS MANGA CAME ABOUT! I HOPE YOU ENJOYED VOLUME ONE!

I'LL DO MY BEST TO MAKE SURE THAT VOLUME TWO IS EVEN BETTER, SO PLEASE LOOK FORWARD TO IT!!

MAYBE IN THE NEXT VOLUME, THE AWAKENING OF REAL LOVE!

I HAVE TO GIVE IT MY BEST SHOT...!!

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I
KISSED
MY
FRIEND.



[第8話]

CHAPTER 8

WHEN
SHE
WAS
ASLEEP...

AND
WHAT'S
MORE...
しかも...

THAT'S...

WHEN I
DID IT...

WARI!

EVEN
THOUGH
IT WAS MY
FIRST
TIME
DRINKING...

WH..
WHAT
DID
I
DO???

WE'RE IN THE
A.V. ROOM NEXT.
LET'S GET
THERE EARLY
AND GRAB A
SEAT IN
THE BACK!

HEART
POUNCE

SEEMS
LIKE
AKKO
DIDN'T
NOTICE...

BUT YOU
SHOULD'VE
WOKEN
ME UP.

GOOD...

BUT...

SPEAKING
OF WHICH,
TASUCHI
AND THEM...

SH?

IS
THAT
SO?

...I...

BUT...

THEY'VE
BECOME
WATCHMAKER
PARTY FRIENDS
WITH SUGI-SAN
AND HER
FRIENDS!

HEART
FOUNDING



CLEANING TIME

How...
HOW
ARE
YOU
DOING?

HEY MARI...
THESE DAYS...

TH-THE...
OTHER
DAY?

HUH?

WH-WHY?

EH?

MARI...
THE OTHER
DAY...

YOU'RE
ACTING
STRANGE,
AKKO.

AKKO,
CAN YOU
HELP OUT
WITH THE
TRASH?

WHY
WASH
FLOORING

TUMBLING





HM?

I HAVE
TO ACT
NORMAL...

JUST
LIKE
ALWAYS.

AH, AKKO,
WANNA
SWING BY
MCDONALD'S?



HM, THAT'S
TOO
BAD.



OH,
SORRY.

OH?
REALLY?
AGAIN?

I'M
ON A
DIST...

YEAH...



YEAH,
SEE YOU
TOMORROW!

WELL,
SEE
YOU!

AKIHABARA,
AKIHABARA.



HHH?

SUGI-SAN?
THAT'S
UNUSUAL...

MAYBE
SUGI-SAN'S
WAITING
FOR HER
BOY-
FRIEND?



...I HAVE
SOME TIME,
MAYBE I'LL
HIT UP A
BOOKSTORE.



IS HER
BOYFRIEND
AN AKIBA-
STYLE
GUY?

SUGI
SAAA--

"AKIBA-STYLE" REFERS
TO AN INTEREST IN
FOR "OTAKU" CULTURE
PHENOMENON IN THE
AKIBA-AREA.



BOOBY

HHH...?

HHH??



THAT'S WEIRD...
WAS SHE
KEEPING IT
SECRET
FROM ME?

WHAT'S
GOING ON...
MAYBE SOME
KIND OF
SECRET TALK?

DID SHE
COME BACK
HERE TO
MEET UP
WITH HER?

BUT
AKKO
DIDN'T
GET OFF
THE
TRAIN...

SHE'S
NOT
ON A
DIET.

DIET...











SLEEP
DEPRIVED

STOMACH
IN KNOTS

NORMAL...



SLEEP
DEPRIVED

たち
たち
SMELLING

TING DONG

JUST
LIKE...

GO MOTHERS
超きんちょう。...



DONG

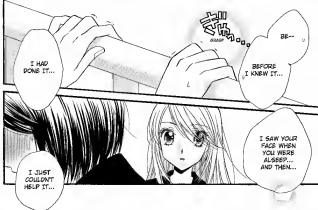
...YOU
WANTED...
TO...
TALK?

YE...YEAH.



ひゃう
ひゃう
ひゃう









FRIENDS KISS
EACH OTHER
ALL THE TIME!!

YEAH.
I HAVEN'T SHOWN
YOU THE PRINT
CLUB PHOTOS?
THE ONES WHERE
SUZU-SAN AND I
ARE KISSING?

TAMAMIN GETS
KISSY WHEN SHE
DRINKS TOO,
SO SHE'S
PROBABLY IN
DOUBLE-DIGITS
BY NOW!

ALL...
THE
TIME...?



IS THAT
WHAT YOU
WERE WORRIED
ABOUT, MARY?

THAT'S NO
BIG DEAL
AT ALL!

HUH?

B-BUT...



SO YOU
DON'T NEED
TO WORRY!

IT'S LIKE A
GREETING...

OR JUST
FOR FUN!



194
MAYBE I
JUST WORRIED
TOO MUCH...

OH...
I SEE...

KISSING
YOUR
FRIENDS
IS...

GOOD.

A
GREET-
ING...

I'M SO
RELIEVED!
I THOUGHT
THAT MAYBE
I HAD DONE
SOMETHING
WEIRD.

SO IS
THAT ALL?

YOU
HAD ME
WORRIED!

OR
FOR
FUN.



IT WASN'T
LIKE THAT,
THOUGH...

THE REASON I...
KISSED HER...

THE REASON I KISSED HER IS...?

キスしたのは——？



I COULDN'T
LOOK AT
AKKO'S FACE.

HUH...?

BUT YOU
GETTING ALL
SHY AND
EMBARRASSED
ABOUT THAT...

MAIRE...

BECAUSE
IF I SAW
HER SMILE...

I'M
SURE...

IT'D WANT
TO KISS
HER AGAIN.

またキス
したくなっちゃう
から

THAT'S
SO CUTE!



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IT'S LIKE
A GREETING...

FRIENDS
KISS EACH
OTHER ALL
THE TIME!

OR JUST
FOR FUN!

SO YOU
DON'T
NEED
TO
WORRY!



HA
A?

THAT'S...

WHAT SHE
SAID TO
ME, BUT...

HA
A

DATE

THE REASON
I KISSED
HER WASN'T
LIKE THAT...



NOTHING
LIKE
THAT...

...BUT
WHAT WAS
IT?



CHAPTER 9

[第9話]



SHE'S A...
CLOSE
FRIEND?

IS IT
THAT...

I BECAME
ABLE TO LOOK
AT AND SPEAK
TO HER
DIRECTLY,
BUT...

FROM THAT
DAY ON, WHEN
MEETING
AKKO
FACE-TO-FACE
AT SCHOOL



KISS
HER...

EVERY
TIME I
SEE HER
FACE...

AS FRIENDS,
JUST NOW
IS THAT?

ALWAYS
WANTING
TO...



SO
I'M NOT
REALLY
SURE...

AKKO IS
THE FIRST
REALLY CLOSE
FRIEND
I'VE MADE...

IT
MIGHT JUST
BE A THING
BETWEEN
CLOSE
FRIENDS?

I'M HOME!!





HE WAS CUTE
AND TINY
AND SMELLED
LIKE MILK...

I JUST
COULDN'T
STOP
KISSING
HIM.

HE WAS
STILL A
SMALL KITTEN
AND SO CUTE...

KISS!

KISS!



THAT'S
IT!

!



AH,
I WANT
A CAT!

HE'S STILL
CUTE WHEN
HE'S FAT,
THOUGH.

...



SMALL
AND
CUTE...

AND SHE
SMELLS
NICE...

COME TO
THINK OF IT,
AKKO IS KINDA
LIKE A CAT...

100%
TAKES





THAT'S RIGHT.

COUNT
ME IN!

IT'S BEEN
FOREVER
SINCE THE
FOUR OF US
HUNG OUT!

TAP TAP

...AND "HANG".



I'M
HOME!

OH, DID
MASA
NOT
COME
HOME?

I TOLD
HER TO
KEEP AN EYE
ON THINGS
HERE.

KISSING
CUTE LITTLE
THINGS LIKE
KITTENS
AND PUPPIES...

IS A
PRETTY
REGULAR
THING.



PROB...

NO I GOT
THIS SNAKE
INSTEAD...

SCOW

I LOOKED
AROUND IN THE
PARKS BUT I
COULDN'T
FIND ANY CATS!



THANKS
FOR
INVITING
US!

YEAH,
THANKS!

COME IN,
COME IN!

THE
NEXT DAY,
AFTER
SCHOOL.



OH...

YOU'RE
TOTALLY
GONNA
REBOUND!

THINK YOU
BOUGHT
ENOUGH
SNACKS,
TAMAMEN?

THESE
STILL
MORE...

MY PARENTS
RUN A SHOP
AT HOME
SO THEY'RE
THERE LIKE
ALL THE TIME...

HAHA-
HAHA!!



HM?

THESE TWO
TOLD ME,
"YOU HAVE TO
INVITE MARI!"

DO YOU
GUYS HAVE
SOME
BUSINESS
WITH MARI?



...ANYWAY,
I WANNA
KNOW...



...

WHAT FOR?

REALLY?





EH,
FOR
REAL?!

OUT OF
THE FOUR,
TWO OF
THEM WERE
CONVINCED
IT WAS A
HOOK-UP
PARTY.

I DON'T
MEAN TO TALK
SMACK ABOUT
TAKUCHI-SAN'S
ELDERS,
BUT...

YEAH,
AND SINCE
AKKO IS A
BIT OF AN
AIRHEAD TOO...

AIR-
HEAD?!

??
Huh?
JUNIORITIS?
EVEN THOUGH
THEY'RE
OLDER?

AND THE OTHER
TWO HAD THE
WORST CASE OF
JUNIORITIS
I'D EVER
SEEN...

13,0
7

SO, TO
HELP
YOU
THROUGH
YOUR
FIRST
MATCHMAKER
PARTY...

AND SINCE WE
CAN'T
HAVE YOU
HOOKING UP
SO QUICKLY
AND TAKEN
HOME SO EASILY...

WE'RE GONNA
GIVE
YOU ADVICE ON
MATCHMAKER
PARTIES!

UM...

OKAY...









WOO-HOO!!

I'M THE KING!!

YOU JUST
WANTED TO
PLAY IT...

LET'S PLAY
"KINGS" TO SHOW
MARI WHAT
IT'S ALL ABOUT!



EVERYBODY
TAKE ONE!



THERE'S
ONLY THREE
OF US, SO
NOTHING
WEIRD!!

OH,
WHAT TO
DO...?

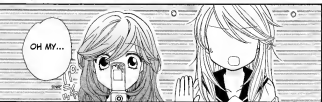
OKAY,
TIME FOR
THE ROYAL
DECREE!

ARE
THESE
MUSIC
CARDS
YOUR
NUMBER?

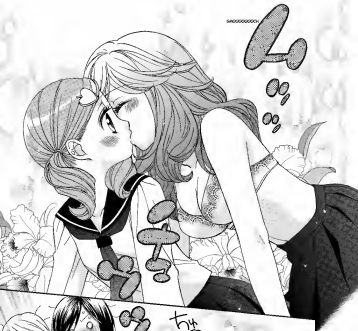
OKAY
THEN...













AM...
DON'T WORRY
ABOUT THEM,
HARE.

THEY'RE
ALWAYS
LIKE THAT
WHEN THEY
DRINK...

SO IT
REALLY
DOES
HAPPEN
ALL THE
TIME...



HUH?



REALLY?!
DO YOU
WANT ME?!

OF COURSE
I DO!

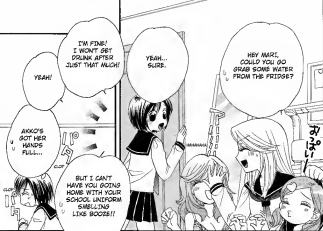
I WANT YOU!
OF COURSE
I WANT YOU!



EH???

THEY'RE
DRINKING!

SINCE
WHEN?



YEAH!

I'M FINE!
I WON'T GET
DRUNK AFTER
JUST THAT MUCH!

YEAH...
SURE.

HEY MARI,
COULD YOU GO
GRAB SOME WATER
FROM THE FRIDGE?

AKKO'S
GOT HER
HANDS
FILLED...

BUT I CAN'T
HAVE YOU GOING
HOME WITH YOUR
SCHOOL UNIFORM
SMELLING
LIKE BOOZE!!



THAT WAS MY
FIRST TIME
SEEING A
KISS SCENE
IN PERSON.

THE FACT
THAT IT
WAS TWO
GIRLS
ASIDE...

BUT...
THAT SURE
WAS A
SURPRISE...



I WONDER
IF I HURT
TAMAKO'S
FEELINGS...

CLACK



BUT I JUST...
INSTINCTIVELY
PUSHED HER
AWAY.

IT'S
NOT
THAT...

I
PARTICULARLY
DELIKED
THE IDEA...



ACTU-
ALLY...

SHE'S
EVEN MORE
PET-LIKE
THAN
AKKO...

...TAMAMIN
IS CUTE
LIKE A
PUPPY TOO...



BUT...

AKKO
WAS
WATCHING...





THAT GUY...
THE FIRST
PERSON...

THAT
AKKO
SLEPT
WITH.



...HUH?



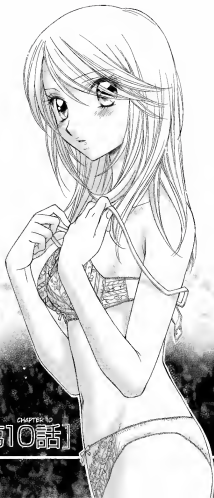
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THAT GUY...
THE FIRST
PERSON...

THAT
AKKO
SLEPT
WITH.

FROM THE
MATCHMAKER
PARTY DURING
SUMMER
VACATION,
WASN'T IT?



CHAPTER 10
【第10話】





I'M
KINDA...
TIRED...





HAAA...

PINK
ACTUALLY
SUITS AKKO
BETTER...

BUT I
CHOSE IT...

THAT'S
RIGHT...
EVEN IF SHE
DOESN'T HAVE A
BOYFRIEND
NOW,
IT
DOESN'T
MEAN SHE'S
NEVER HAD
ONE.

WHEN?

DURING
SUMMER
VACATION.

NEVER
ONCE
TALKED...

...AND
AKKO
AND I...

WITH WHAT KIND OF SUIT

どんなひとと？

MAYBE
SHE STILL...

MAYBE
THAT'S
WHY
SHE...

WASN'T
EXCITED
ABOUT THE
MATCHMAKER
PARTY...

SHAKING

DEEP

LIKES HIM?

秋葉原
AKIBA
あきはばら

THE TRAIN
DEPARTING
FROM
PLATFORM
FIVE IS
THE SOBU
LOCAL LINE
BOUND FOR
MITAKA.

OH NO...
I GOT
A ZIT...

THE
DOORS
ARE NOW
CLOSING.

CRAP...

GAHH...



...

MARI'S
LATE...

STUPID
TAMAKI
AND ALL
HER SNACKS...









IS MARI
NOT COMING
TODAY?

I DOUBT
SHE'D BE
TARRY...

MS.
KIMAKURA
HASNT
COMET

MAYBE
SHE'S
SICK?

YES
YES

IS SHE
ABSENT
TODAY?



I CAN'T
GET THROUGH
TO HER
PHONE...

I
DUNNO...

REALLY?

AND THAT'S
DONT WORK
EITHER...

YOU
DONT
KNOW?



NO
WAY!
SHE
WOULDN'T
DO THAT...
SHE'S NOT
YOU...

SHE DIDNT
DROP IT
IN THE
TOILET OR
ANYTHING,
DID SHE?

...

OR MAYBE
SHE'S STILL
ASLEEP?



...WHE?
THINK YOU
CAN EAT
DINNER?



SHE
DOESN'T
SEEM TO...

ARE YOU
SURE SHE
DOESN'T
NEED TO
GO TO THE
DOCTOR?

OH...
IS IT A
COLD? DOES
SHE HAVE A
FEVER?



AND
THEN...

SHE SAID
SHE STARTED
FEELING
BAD ON THE
WAY TO
SCHOOL.



NO...

DON'T
WANT
TO.



!!!
P!!

ARE YOU SURE
YOU'RE NOT
JUST ANEMIC
FROM SKIPPING
LAST NIGHT'S
DINNER AND
THIS MORNING'S
BREAKFAST?

YOU'RE NOT
ON A DIET,
ARE YOU?

IT'S NOT
GOOD FOR
YOU!





EVEN
IF SHE
DOES.

IT'S
PERFECTLY
NORMAL
FOR AKKO
TO LIKE
SOME-
ONE...

IT'S
NOT MY
PROB-
LEM...

I DON'T UNDERSTAND.



WHY AM I CRYING?
WHY DOES...

MY CHEST HURT LIKE THIS?
SOMEBODY TELL ME...

ENCASEMENT
DATE

MAYBE AKKO
WOULD KNOW...





ABOUT
HAIR AND
STYLE...

SHE ALWAYS
TAUGHT ME
ABOUT SO
MANY THINGS.

BUT...



I HAVE A FEELING
I CAN'T ASK HER.

~~~~~



WARP?



SAYS  
SHE'S IN  
YOUR  
CLASS.

OH.



Y...YEAH?

A FRIEND  
OF YOURS  
IS ON THE  
PHONE.



HER  
NAME IS  
OHASHI.

WERE  
YOU  
SO



WH...



SO SIS  
ISN'T  
GONNA  
EAT HER  
DINNER,  
RIGHT?

THAT  
MEANS  
I CAN  
HAVE  
IT!

EAT  
YOURS  
FIRST!!

WHAT  
ARE YOU  
TALKING  
ABOUT?  
IT'S A  
GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Oh...

CLASS-  
MATE...?  
I-IS  
IT A  
BOY...?

WHAT  
SHOULD  
I DO?

HELLO...?

HE...

...HUH?

I WAS WONDERING  
WHAT I SHOULD DO  
IF YOUR PARENTS  
ANSWERED,  
AND THEN THEY DID,  
AND THEN I GOT  
ALL TONGUE-TIED!!

MARI!!  
OH GOD,  
I WAS  
SOOO  
NERVOUS!!







REALLY?  
IF SO,  
THEN OKAY,  
BUT...

DO YOU  
HAVE A  
GOLD?

UHM...

I'M OKAY.  
IT'S NO  
BIG DEAL.

YOU DIDN'T  
LOOK SO GOOD  
WHEN YOU  
WENT HOME  
YESTERDAY...

OH...  
SO THAT'S  
WHY YOU CALLED  
MY HOUSE?

I REALLY AM STUPID...

YEAH,  
I WAS  
WORRIED.

EVEN THOUGH  
I TURNED OFF  
MY PHONE TO  
AVOID AKKO...

AND IT  
JUST KEPT  
BOTHERING  
ME...

YOU NOT  
BEING  
AROUND...





THE TRUTH IS,  
I REALLY WANTED  
TO HEAR HER VOICE.

THINK YOU  
CAN COME  
TO SCHOOL  
TOMORROW?

YEAH,  
I CAN.

I'LL BE  
THERE...  
JUST LIKE  
NORMAL.

I  
SHOULD'VE  
GONE  
TO  
SCHOOL  
TODAY.



I WANT TO SEE  
YOU RIGHT NOW.

YEAH...

YEAH



OH,  
YOU LOOK  
LIKE YOU'RE  
FEELING  
BETTER.

AH,  
YEAH...

DONE  
WITH THE  
PHONE?

HAVE  
A SEAT.  
I'LL HEAT  
UP YOUR  
DINNER  
FOR YOU.

DID YOUR  
FRIEND  
CALL TO  
CHECK UP  
ON YOU?

IS  
SHE A  
FRIEND OF  
YOURS?

SHE  
SEEMS  
LIKE  
A NICE  
GIRL..

YEAH...  
MY BEST  
FRIEND...

A GOOD  
FRIEND.





JR  
JR KEEN

秋葉原駅  
Akihabara Sta.

WHEN  
DID I  
START...

TAKING THE  
STAIRS  
INSTEAD  
OF THE  
ELEVATOR?

I JUST  
WANTED  
TO MAKE  
IT TO THE  
PLATFORM AS  
QUICKLY AS  
POSSIBLE.

ONE DAY  
I JUST  
STARTED  
DOING  
THAT.



BEFORE  
I KNEW  
IT...



NO WAY!

YOU'RE  
GONNA HAVE  
TO BE MY  
TUTOR AGAIN,  
MARI.

HEY,  
THEY MADE  
THE MID-TERM-  
TEST  
ANNOUNCEMENTS  
YESTERDAY.

OH,  
REALLY?  
MIDTERMS  
ALREADY...

THINK  
YOU'LL BE  
OKAY THIS  
TIME?

HAHA, I  
FIGURED.

A TRAIN IS  
ARRIVING  
AT PLATFORM  
FIVE.



AH,  
TRAIN'S  
HERE!

NOW  
I  
GET  
IT.

I'M...

IN LOVE.





WHENEVER I'D HEAR MY  
FRIENDS TALK ABOUT LOVE...

BUT IF  
YOU LIKE  
HIM YOU  
RESPOND  
RIGHT AWAY,  
RIGHT?

BUT HE'S  
AT WORK  
RIGHT NOW,  
ISN'T HE?

JUST  
WAIT A  
WHILE!

I NEVER GOT IT.  
THE FEELING TO  
GET SO WORKED UP  
ABOUT ROMANCE...

SPENDING EACH DAY FREE  
OF ROMANCE...

WAS FUN, HAPPY, JOYFUL...

AND THEN IT STARTED - EVERY DAY WITH HER.

LET'S GO  
TOGETHER!

MARI-CHAN,  
DO YOU GET  
OFF AT  
ICHIJAYA?



SHE SHOWED ME A NEW  
PART OF MYSELF.

A FRIEND.

BUT WHY...



HOW DID I FALL INTO IT?



MADE MY  
HEART RACE  
LOTS OF TIMES.

EVERY DAY SO FUN, HAPPY, JOYFUL...



A LOVE THAT CAN  
NEVER COME TRUE.

叶う夢のない  
恋に

【第11話】

CHAPTER 11



HEY  
MARI...

ARE YOU  
THE TYPE THAT  
LIKES TO  
RESTRAIN  
THE PERSON  
YOU LIKE?



Panel 1: Kuno-Chan  
Panel 2: Kuno-Chan's reaction



AM...  
KUNO-CHAN

SHE SPENDS  
THE WHOLE DAY  
EITHER TEXTING  
HER BOYFRIEND  
OR BUSHING  
ABOUT HIM, AND  
IT SEEMS TO BE  
GETTING ON  
TAGUCHI'S NERVES.

I MEAN...  
WELL, TAKE  
A LOOK AT  
KUNO-CHAN.

...  
HUM  
...?!

WH-WH-  
WH-WH-  
WHAT?!

SO  
THAT'S  
WHAT  
YOU  
MEAN...



HEHE, I  
GUESS THAT  
MEANS EXTRA  
ASSIGNMENTS  
FOR THEM!

SO IT LOOKS  
LIKE IT'S JUST  
ME AND YOU!

EVEN TODAY  
SHE SAID SHE'D  
COME STUDY WITH  
US BUT ENDED UP  
LEAVING...

TAGUCHI'S  
LOSING HER  
WILL TO STUDY  
AS WELL...

...I'M FINE  
WITH JUST  
YOU AND  
ME...

I'M GOING TO HOME AND SLEEP



SINCE SHE  
GOT A  
BOYFRIEND,

BUT...  
KURO-CHEN  
SEEMS REALLY  
HAPPY.



SO...  
DOES THAT  
MEAN WE'RE  
A COUPLE  
TOO?

TAKING  
PRINT CLUB  
PHOTOS  
TOGETHER,  
GOING TO  
DISNEYLAND...

TEXTING  
HIM ALL THE  
TIME EVEN  
THOUGH THEY  
SEE EACH  
OTHER EVERY  
DAY...

GETTING  
MATCHING  
PHONE  
STRAPS...

I  
GUESS  
SO...

IF WE  
JUST GO TO  
DISNEY-  
LAND...

WAIT...









I WONDER  
IF THAT'S...

WHAT REAL  
LOVE IS.



...



I  
REALLY  
SUCK  
AT MATH...

OH, TIME  
FOR MORE  
CAFE  
AU LAIT.

YEAH,  
YOU'RE  
RIGHT.

AH...

MEH,  
WHATEVER!  
WE GOT  
THE TESTS  
COMING UP!

IS IT REALLY LOVE?





WANTING  
FROM AKKO?



THE CAT  
AT MY  
BOYFRIEND'S  
PLACE...



LIAM...  
CAN SOMEONE  
TRANSLATE  
THAT ARG?

AND MY  
BOYFRIEND  
CALLS ME  
"CHIT"

SO I SAY  
"MPCOM"  
WHEN I  
REPLY  
TO NAME

THESE RESULTS WERE  
OBTAINED IN THE  
FOLLOWING MANNER:



ITS NAME  
IS KIND?  
THAT'S A  
STRANGE NAME  
FOR A CAT...

NOT ITS  
NAME IS  
CHE-CHAN!

AND MY  
NAME IS  
CHINARU,  
RIGHT?

THEY CAN'T SAY THAT I SAID THAT!  
AND THEY CAN'T SAY THAT!











SISTER...  
I... I...

YOU'RE SUCH  
A BAD GIRL,  
MARIA...

AH, SISTER!!

MY POWER TO  
REVOLUTIONIZE  
THE COSMOS...  
♡





SIS-

TER

AND CHECK THIS  
OUT! I GOT  
INVITED TO A  
COSPLAY PARTY  
AND I'M GONNA  
GO AS THIS  
GIRL HERE!

TEE-HEE...  
YOU THINK  
SO?

AH, CRAP,  
GOTTA GO  
TO THE  
CLUB ROOM!

...YEAH,  
I THINK IT'LL  
SUIT YOU...

UHMM...  
COSPLAY?

SO  
CREEPY!

THAT'S  
WHAT SHE'LL  
CALL ME!

OH, BY THE WAY,  
PLEASE DON'T  
TELL SUKE-SAN  
ABOUT THIS!

...TAMAMIN...  
WHAT CLUB  
IS SHE IN,  
I WONDER...

PAANO  
CLUB?

...

THERE'S NOT  
MUCH TIME  
BEFORE SUMMER,  
SO WE  
GOTTA WORK  
OUT THE  
COSTUME  
DETAILS!

LATER!!

TELL  
SUKE-SAN  
FOR ME!

ANSWER: ANIME CLUB

ANIME  
CLUB  
FOR  
ME!!



BECAUSE  
I HAD  
STRANGE  
DREAMS...

I'M  
SLEEPY...

I COULDN'T  
GET MUCH SLEEP  
LAST NIGHT...



EVEN  
IF IT IS  
LOVE...

WHAT  
CAN I DO  
ABOUT IT?

LIKE  
THIS...

WHAT'S  
THE  
DIFFER-  
ENCE  
BETWEEN  
LOVE  
AND  
FRIEND-  
SHIP...?



AND I HAVEN'T  
BEEN ABLE  
TO LOOK AT  
AKKO'S FACE  
DIRECTLY  
SINCE THEN...

STUPID  
TAMAMON...





THAT'S  
MUCH  
BETTER.

THE  
DESIRE TO  
HAVE MY  
FRIENDS  
ALL TO  
MYSELF...

I'M SURE  
OF IT.  
SAME  
GOES  
FOR WITH  
AKKO.



UM,  
HEY...



WE'VE  
ALREADY  
PASSED  
AKIHABARA...

ARE YOU  
SURE YOU  
DIDN'T WANT  
TO GET OFF?

...HUH?



KODAMMA-  
CHO.

HUH?

NEXT  
STOP:  
KODAMA-  
CHO.

WHAT?









BUT...  
THAT  
GUY...

"SORRY!  
I MISSED  
MY STORY  
SO AHEAD  
WITHOUT ME!"

CRAP,  
I GOTTA MAIL  
AKKO!

TAP TAP



I THINK...  
MAYBE...  
I'VE MET  
HIM BEFORE...

WHO  
IS  
HE?



え〜!! ありえない!  
もーダッシュダッシュ!!  
大丈夫☆ 来るまで待  
ってるよ〜!  
WHAAT?? YOU'RE  
KIDDING!!  
HURRY, HURRY!!  
DON'T WORRY,  
I'LL WAIT HERE FOR  
YOU!!



EH,  
WHAT-  
EVER...

OH,  
FROM  
AKKO.



EVEN IF I DON'T  
KNOW THE ANSWER...

EVEN IF I CAN'T SEE  
WHAT LIES AHEAD...

MORE THAN ANYTHING, HONESTLY...

MY LEGS STARTED RUNNING,  
TAKING ME TO YOU.





**GIRL FRIENDS** — ガールフレンズ —



THIS FEELING THAT I HAVE...  
I DON'T KNOW WHETHER IT'S LOVE OR NOT.  
I'VE NEVER BEEN IN LOVE BEFORE.

SHE'S A FRIEND, AND A GIRL...  
BUT...

IT'S  
JUST...

THAT I  
REALIZED  
IT...



# [第12話]

CHAPTER 12







THE  
HIS  
HIS

I SPEND  
A LOT  
OF TIME  
WASHING  
MY FACE!

ME TOO!

AND YOUR  
ZITS HEAL  
UP REAL  
QUICK!

BUT MY  
FOREHEAD  
STILL LOOKS  
AWFUL!

HEY,  
I WASH MY  
FACE TOO!

SPRINKLE  
KLE

SPRINKLE  
KLE  
GO ON!

I SOMETIMES  
CAN'T HELP  
BUT STARE!

YEAH,  
I THINK SO TOO!  
YOU HAVE SUCH  
NICE SKIN!

OH, BUT  
IF I GET  
ANY PRETTIER  
THAN THIS  
MY BOYFRIEND  
WILL GO  
NUTS!

MAYBE I  
SHOULD SWING  
BY ON THE  
WAY HOME.  
KUNO, WANNA  
COME WITH?

YEAH,  
YOU GOTTA  
COVER  
ZITS UP...

OH,  
FOR REAL?  
TEA TREES?

AND FOR ZITS,  
THE TEA TREE  
STUFF FROM  
THE BODY SHOP  
WORKS GREAT!

IF YOU  
USE A NET  
YOU CAN GET  
TONS OF  
LATHER!

GOOD...

THAT'S...

SHE'S A FRIEND.  
IT'S PERFECTLY  
NORMAL TO THINK  
SHE'S CUTE...

YEAH,  
I GUESS  
THAT'S HOW  
IT IS...

OH,  
HERE WE  
GO AGAIN...



AND A  
GIRL...

IT'S  
GOOD  
THAT  
SHE'S A  
FRIEND...



WAIT,  
BEFORE THAT...



NO WAY I'D  
HAVE THE  
NERVE TO  
TALK TO  
AKKO...

LIKE  
THAT?

I'D STILL  
NOT BE ABLE  
TO GO TO  
HAIR SALON  
BY MYSELF...

AND HAVE  
CHILDISH  
CLOTHES...

NEGATIVE  
THOUGHTS...

...IF I  
WERE A  
BOY...



I MAY HAVE NEVER EVEN MET HER.

BUT TO BE  
HONEST,  
IT'S COMPLICATED...

THINGS  
ARE  
MUCH  
BETTER...

THIS  
WAY.

I PUT ON  
BLUSH AND  
APPLY  
MASCARA.

I ALSO  
STRAIGHTEN  
MY HAIR AND  
HAVE TO WATCH  
MY WEIGHT...

I WEAR  
MAKE-UP,  
RIGHT?

HUH?

SO THAT  
MAKES ME  
LIKE, FAKE  
CUTE.

I WISH I  
WAS BORN  
CUTER...

STUDYING MAKE-UP AND  
FASHION IN MAGAZINES...

TRYING HARD TO DIET...

I--IS SHE  
SERIOUS?

SHE  
JUST DOESN'T  
UNDERSTAND...

BUT...  
I LIKE  
THAT PART  
OF HER.

...HOW CUTE SHE  
REALLY IS.





TOGETHER, FOREVER....









IT'S FINE!

WON'T THAT  
MIX WITH THE  
STRAWBERRY  
YOU PUT ON  
EARLIER?

HEY  
MARI!

PUT SOME  
POMEGRANATE  
ON THIS HAND!

IF YOU  
SAY  
SO...



I GOTTA  
GET SOME  
NEW BODY  
BUTTER.

WHAT  
SCENT  
SHOULD  
I GET?

OKAY,  
IF I  
MUST...

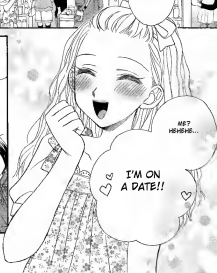
THE ONE'S  
VANILLA!



WHAAAT?!

HER HANDS  
ARE SO SMALL  
AND CUTE...











“AHH,  
I DON'T  
KNOW  
EITHER!!”

“WHY  
ARE YOU  
FRIENDS  
WITH  
CHIHARU?!”

“SO WHY  
THE HELL  
ARE YOU  
DATING  
KUNO-CHIN?!”



“GAA,  
WHY AM  
I EVEN  
TALKING  
ABOUT  
THIS...”

“I JUST  
WANT TO  
FORGET  
EVERYTHING  
ABOUT LAST  
SUMMER!!”



“WELL, THAT  
MATCHMAKER  
PARTY WAS  
WITH SUZU-SAN'S  
BOY'S FRIENDS...”

“PLANNED  
ANOTHER  
PARTY WITH  
KUNO-CHIN  
AND THE  
SAME GUYS.”

“SUZU-  
SAN...”

“AHH!”

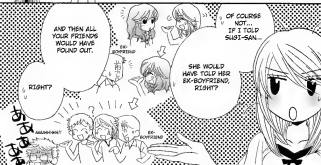


“PLEASE!!”

“DON'T TELL  
CHIHARU  
ANYTHING  
ABOUT THAT...!!”

“HAH!”









I LOVE MY  
GIRLS A BIT  
CLINGY, SO  
SHE'S JUST  
MY TYPE!

ANYWAY,  
SHE'S THE  
JEALOUS  
TYPE, SO...

BUT  
THAT'S  
ALSO  
KINDA  
CUTE!

FINE,  
FINE.

I'VE HAD  
ENOUGH  
OF YOUR  
GUSHING.



...



MEAN-  
WHILE...



I...

HEH...?

WH--  
WHAT?

GET IT NOW...  
MARI...



I'LL  
GO...

TAKES A  
LOOK AROUND  
FOR THEM.



BECAUSE  
SHE'S SO  
CUTE...

AND THEY  
RAN OFF  
TOGETHER...

HE...  
FELL IN LOVE  
WITH AKKO AT  
FIRST SIGHT...

UHH...  
I DON'T  
THINK IT WAS  
LIKE THAT...





WHEN I SAW HER WITH A GUY, I REMEMBERED...  
THE THINGS I TRIED TO NOT THINK ABOUT...



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THAT KNOWS EVEN MORE.





WHEN I WAS LITTLE, A GUY SAVED ME FROM DROWNING IN A RIVER...

I THOUGHT IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN HIM, BUT IT TURNS OUT HE WASN'T...

SERIOUSLY?



HEY, WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT, ANYWAY?

HI THERE...  
HAHA...

MIX-UP?

IT'S HARD TO BREATHE...



WHAT?  
FOR REAL?

SORRY FOR MISSING UP YOUR DATE...

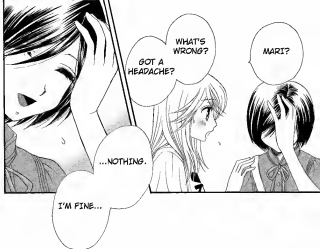
YEAH...  
AND I THOUGHT SHE LOOKED LIKE THE YOUNGER SISTER OF A FRIEND...

BUT I WAS WRONG TOO...

GET AWAY.

GET AWAY FROM AKKO. NOW.





I GOT THIRSTY AND  
I FELT FAINT...

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CHAPTER 13





WHEN DID I  
FALL ASLEEP...?



AH, GOTTA  
GET READY!





I'M  
BEST  
FRIENDS  
WITH  
THE  
GIRL  
I  
LOVE.



I  
THOUGHT  
ABOUT  
IT ALL  
NIGHT.



WHY  
IS  
THAT  
NOT  
ENOUGH,  
I  
WONDER?



秋葉原  
AKIBA

IT'S  
SLIMMER!  
MIGHT AS  
WELL.

GOOD  
MORNING!  
OH, YOU'RE  
WEARING  
SHORT  
SLEEVES?

MORNING,  
MARI!





"LOVERS" MAY BREAK UP...

TAKE OFF YOUR  
CARDIGAN!  
IT'S WARM TODAY.

BUT FRIENDS CAN BE  
TOGETHER FOREVER.

YEAH,  
YOU'RE  
RIGHT...



EVEN  
WHEN  
WE'RE  
GROWN  
UP...

MARRIED,  
AND  
HAVE  
KIDS...  
I'M  
SURE  
OF  
IT.

BECAUSE  
SUMMER  
STARTS  
TODAY!

I PUT A  
LITTLE BIT  
ON MY ARMS.

OH,  
THE STUFF  
YOU GOT  
YESTERDAY?

REALLY?  
I CAN'T  
TELL MYSELF,  
BUT IT'S  
PEACH BUTTER.

...OH,  
YOU SMELL  
GOOD, AKKO.

OH IT TOO  
SPICY?



IT CAN NEVER BE MORE THAN THAT.

EVER.







YOU JUST  
CAN'T MAKE IT  
WITHOUT ME  
AROUND,  
CAN YOU?

I...

WANT TO TOUCH YOU MORE...

WANT YOU TO TOUCH ME MORE...



I'M...



DIS-  
GUSTING...

I'M  
HORRIBLE.

I  
WANT  
TO  
FEEL  
YOU...

MORE  
CLOSE-  
LY...



LIKE  
THE  
GUY  
FROM  
LAST  
SUM-  
MER...







WEEK TIME AT OVER-47  
SCHOOLS ARE SO LONG...

REALLY?  
NOT  
SUMMER?

YOU GOTTA  
HAVE THE SPF!  
THEY SAY SPRING  
IS THE WORST  
SEASON FOR  
UV RADIATION...

AH, THAT'S  
GOOD, WITH  
THE SPF  
AND STUFF...

I SPENT  
IT TODAY!

NOT MANY LIP  
BALMS  
HAVE THAT!

DRY?

OH...  
THANKS...

I PUT  
SUNBLOCK  
ON THIS  
MORNING,  
THOUGH...

BUT I GET  
A TAN FROM  
MY CLUB  
ACTIVITIES...

OH, TENNIS  
CLUB?

I TRY  
TO AVOID IT!  
I WANNA  
KEEP MY  
SKIN LIGHT!

WAIT,  
DON'T BOTH  
OF YOU TRY  
TO KEEP FROM  
GETTING  
TANNED?

...AN  
INDIRECT  
KISS...

BUT...  
I'VE HAD  
ONE REAL  
ONE...







I KNOW A  
GUY THAT  
I WANNA  
INTRODUCE  
YOU TO!

CAN I GIVE HIM  
YOUR E-MAIL  
ADDRESS?

EH?

YOU DON'T  
NEED TO...



I SHOWED  
HIM YOUR  
PICTURE AND  
HE REALLY  
LIKED IT!

WHAAAAT??

ACTUALLY,  
I ALREADY  
GAVE IT  
TO HIM...

EH?



UHM...  
I...

EH?

SO LET'S  
HAVE ANOTHER  
MATCHMAKER  
PARTY  
TOGETHER!  
WITH TAMAMEN,  
TOO!

HEY MARI,  
WHAT KIND  
OF GUY DO  
YOU LIKE?

HIS A BOY-  
FRIEND?

I SHOULDN'T  
HAVE  
NOTICED...

SO YEAH,  
WHAT KIND OF  
GUY DO YOU  
LIKE, MARI?

YEAH,  
NOW THAT YOU  
MENTION IT,  
I DON'T KNOW  
WHAT KIND OF  
GUY YOU LIKE...



THE TRAIN  
BOUND FOR  
KITA-SENJU  
IS ARRIVING  
ON PLATFORM  
TWO.

PLEASE  
STAND  
INSIDE  
THE  
WHITE  
LINE.

I  
KNEW  
IT...

THIS  
FEELING...

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THE TRAIN  
BOUND FOR  
KITA-SENJU  
IS NOW  
DEPARTING.

AKKO...

IF I  
TEXT HER,  
I WONDER  
IF SHE'LL  
REPLY...

THIS  
SUCKS...

I'M GONNA  
HAVE THAT  
DREAM  
AGAIN...

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I FORGOT  
TO GIVE  
IT BACK...

...

THE TRAIN AT  
PLATFORM  
TWO BOUND  
FOR KITA-  
KOSHISAWA...



BOUND FOR  
KITA-  
KOSHISAWA  
IS NOW  
DEPARTING.

IF ANKO  
GETS A  
BOYFRIEND...

BREAKS  
UP  
WITH  
HIM...

AND GETS  
ANOTHER ONE...





FROM NOW ON, EVERY TIME AKKO GOES OUT WITH SOMEBODY,  
I'M GONNA FEEL LIKE THIS.

I CAN'T TAKE IT.





...KIMAKURA.

YOU  
WAITING  
FOR  
SOMEBODY?



FOR THE PARK 2

...NO, NOT  
PARTIC-  
ULARLY...

...BUT...  
ARE YOU  
WAITING  
FOR  
SOMEONE?

AND I  
GOT OFF AT  
NAKAKACHI-  
MACHI TO COME  
BACK HERE...

I SAW  
YOU FROM  
INSIDE  
THE TRAIN...

UM...

OH...

← 原

...

OKAY...

WELL,  
UM...

?

DO YOU WANT  
SOMETHING?

栓





EVER SINCE  
ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL, I...

OH,  
EVEN JUST  
TEXTING  
IS OKAY...

I COULDN'T  
SEE YOU  
AT ALL  
THROUGH  
JUNIOR  
HIGH...

BUT...

OKAY.



HUH?

I'LL GO OUT  
WITH YOU.



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OH, YOU'RE FINALLY HERE!

HEY TAGUCHI! LISTEN! WHEN I WOKED UP MY HAIR WAS A TOTAL EXPLOSION SO I WAS RUNNING MEGA-LATE...

I SHOULD'VE GONE TO THE HAIR SALON LAST WEEK...

AHH, I ABSOLUTELY HATE THE RAINY SEASON!

IT'S OKAY, I KNOW YOU WERE UP LATE FEELING BAD FOR YOURSELF... I TOTALLY UNDERSTAND.

WHAT?

HUM? MARI?

WHO?

YOU'VE MET HIM BEFORE, RIGHT? WHAT KIND OF GUY IS HE?

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

TILL TAKE HALF...

YEAR...

SIGH...

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WHO?

YOU'VE MET HIM BEFORE, RIGHT? WHAT KIND OF GUY IS HE?

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?



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CHAPTER 14

I'M  
TALKING  
ABOUT...

MARI-CHIN'S  
BOYFRIEND!





SO, WAS IT  
THE BOY YOU GAVE  
CHOCOLATE TO  
IN ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL?



I REMEMBER  
THESE BEING  
A POPULAR  
BOY...

BUT HE'S THE BOY  
THAT WE GAVE  
CHOCOLATE TO  
TOGETHER  
IN SIXTH GRADE...

UHH...  
YEAH...

I HADN'T  
NOTICED  
UNTIL HE  
TOLD ME...

HOW  
ROMAN-  
TIC!

IT LOOKS  
LIKE YOUR  
FIRST LOVE  
CAME TRUE!



I CAN'T  
SEE HIM  
ON THE  
WAY HOME  
FROM  
SCHOOL...

AND HE  
ALSO  
HAS HIS  
WORK...

SO YOU  
TWO LIVE  
PRETTY CLOSE  
TOGETHER,  
RIGHT?  
OH, HOW  
NICE!!

MY  
PRINCE  
LIVES LIKE  
AN HOUR  
AWAY FROM  
ME...

12  
HEHE!!



NOT IN THE LEAST WHEN DID THIS HAPPEN?



OH,  
YOU DIDN'T  
KNOW  
EITHER,  
AND OF



BUT WHY DID YOU KEEP IT SECRET...?

YOU SHOULDRA TOLD ME!

YOU  
HOW-PA  
TOLD  
MAP

HMM...  
SO  
THAT'S  
IT...

I  
GUESS  
IT'S  
NOT...

A BIG  
DEAL  
FOR  
HER.

FOR REAL?  
I HADN'T HEARD!

...

I THOUGHT SHE'D GET MAD AT ME FOR KEEPING IT SECRET...

OH NINA YAMAGUCHI

モーター  
おはよう



I  
THOUGHT  
SHE'D GET  
MAD AT  
ME FOR  
KEEPING  
IT  
SECRET...

モーター  
田中さん  
あはれ  
たて





YOU USE  
THE SAME  
STATION, RIGHT?  
THAT'S NICE!

...YEAH...

AND WE'RE  
GONNA GO  
SEE A MOVIE  
ON SUNDAY...

SO...

HAVE YOU  
ALREADY  
BEEN ON  
A DATE?

UH...

NOT  
YET...

BUT WE  
WERE ON  
THE TRAIN  
TOGETHER  
FOR A WHILE  
THIS MORNING...



OKAY  
THEN...

COME TO  
MY HOUSE  
BEFORE  
THAT!

UH...

IN  
SHIBUYA  
A LITTLE  
BIT AFTER  
NOON...

WHEN  
AND  
WHERE  
WILL YOU  
MEET?

SUNDAY?  
YOUR  
FIRST  
DATE?





AFTER ALL,  
IT'S MY  
BEST FRIEND'S  
FIRST DATE!

I TOLD  
YOU  
BEFORE,  
RIGHT?

HUH?

THAT I WAS  
GONNA  
TEACH YOU  
HOW TO  
DO MAKE-  
UP?

YOU  
DON'T  
HAVE  
TO...

LET ME  
DO MY PART  
TO HELP YOU!

BEST FRIEND...

THANKS!

COME IN,  
COME IN!

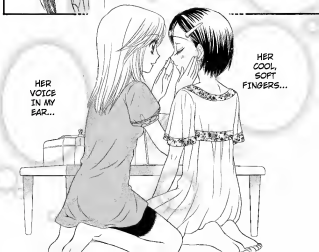
HI  
MARI!

BUT NOW  
THEY MAKE  
ME A  
LITTLE  
SAD...

THOSE  
WORDS  
MADE ME  
HAPPY  
BEFORE...









THE WARMTH OF HER BODY...

YOU CAN  
OPEN YOUR  
EYES NOW...

YOUR SKIN'S  
SO PRETTY...  
I THINK YOU  
CAN DO  
WITHOUT  
FOUNDATION.

HER BREATH ON MY  
CHEEK...  
IT ALL FEELS  
SO FEELS NICE...

I'M GONNA  
PUT ON JUST  
A BIT OF  
MASCARA,  
OKAY?

CLOSE  
YOUR  
EYES A  
LITTLE  
BIT...

I FEEL HORRIBLE...  
LIKE I'M GONNA CRY.

MARI?

SORRY,  
DID I GET  
IT IN  
YOUR  
EYES?

...AND LAST  
BUT NOT  
LEAST,  
A BIT OF  
CLEAR  
GLOSS.



U  
/No

...

FINISHED!!

WHAT  
DO YOU  
THINK?

YOUR EYES  
LOOK BIGGER  
NOW...

YOUR BOYFRIEND  
IS GONNA BE  
SO SURPRISED!  
YOU'RE EVEN  
CUTER THAN  
USUAL!

...!

OH...  
THANKS...

I DIDN'T  
PUT ANY  
EYELINER  
ON, BUT  
YOU HAVE  
BIG EYES  
AS IT IS...

AS I  
THOUGHT,  
AKKO  
REALLY IS  
AMAZING

IS  
THIS...

REALLY  
OKAY?



I...

THINK  
I MIGHT  
NOT GO  
TODAY...

BUT YOU'RE  
GOING TO  
A MOVIE,  
RIGHT?  
YOU'LL BE  
INSIDE THE  
WHOLE TIME!

YOU'RE  
NOT THE  
TYPE TO  
CANCEL  
AT THE  
LAST  
MINUTE...

WHAT?!

IT STARTED  
RAINING...  
SO HE MIGHT  
NOT WANT  
TO GO OUT  
EITHER...

...



HAND ON  
A SECOND...  
YOU DON'T  
KNOW YOUR  
BOYFRIEND'S  
FIRST NAME??

HUH?

UHH...  
UHH...

WELL,  
WHY NOT  
TEXT HIM  
AND SEE?

WHAT'S  
HIS  
NAME  
AGAIN?

HARADA-  
KUN...



HARADA?  
WHAT'S  
HIS  
FIRST  
NAME?

DON'T  
YOU  
THINK...

THAT'S  
WEIRD?

TAKEUCHI KAZUYUKI



I, um...



WHY DON'T YOU KNOW HIS NAME?

BUT YOU'VE LIKED THIS GUY SINCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, RIGHT?



HMP?



AND THIS WHOLE TIME, I NEVER ONCE HEARD YOU TALK ABOUT HIM AT ALL...

SO I'M WONDERING...

KINDO-CHAN AND THEM EVEN KNEW BEFORE I DID...



I WASN'T KEEPING IT SECRET... I JUST FORGOT TO TELL YOU...

YOU'VE BEEN ACTING WEIRD LATELY, HMP... KEEPING YOUR BOYFRIEND SECRET FROM ME...

YOU COULD'VE EVEN TOLD ME IN A TEXT, THEN...

'CAUSE WE TEXT EACH OTHER EVERY DAY...



MART...

DO YOU  
REALLY  
LIKE  
HIM?



...

THAT'S  
A PRETTY  
CRAPPY  
THING  
TO DO  
TO HIM...

DATING  
HIM OUT OF  
SYMPATHY  
OR SOMETHING  
AND NOT  
BECAUSE  
YOU ACTUALLY  
LIKE HIM...

IF YOU'RE  
JUST...



...SYM-  
PATHY?

THE  
PERSON  
I  
LOVE...?

YOU WOULDN'T  
WANT THEM  
TO DATE YOU  
MERELY OUT  
OF SYMPATHY,  
RIGHT?

IF IT WERE  
YOU, NO  
MATTER  
HOW MUCH  
YOU LOVED  
SOMEONE...





IT'LL BE  
OKAY!!  
I'M SURE  
IT'LL WORK  
OUT!!

UWA...

I'M NOT SURE  
WHAT KIND  
OF PERSON  
THEY ARE,  
BUT...

MARI...  
THERE'S  
SOMEONE  
THAT YOU  
LIKED???

FROM  
FRONT  
ROOM??



YOU'RE  
REALLY  
CUTE AND  
SMART AND  
HAVE A  
GREAT  
PERSONALITY...

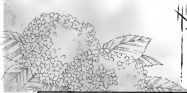
IF I WERE  
A GUY,  
I'D TOTALLY  
BE IN LOVE  
WITH YOU!

HMPH...  
ANYONE  
CAN SAY  
THAT...









"HEAVY" SLEEP

IT'LL  
NEVER  
WORK  
OUT,  
RIGHT?



...

I WONDER...  
IF MY LIP  
GLOSS  
CAME OFF...



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MARI!!  
SORRY  
I'M LATE!!

TAMAMIN  
SAID SHE'LL  
INTRODUCE  
US TO THE  
NEW FRIENDS  
IN HER  
CLASS...

SO  
AKKO  
AND I  
ARE  
WAITING  
FOR HER.

AH...

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# おまけマンガ①

HUH?  
BUT... WE'RE  
GOING TO  
THE BEACH,  
AREN'T WE?

ARKIAKE  
HAS A  
BEACH,  
RIGHT?

AKKO...?  
GOING TO  
THE  
BEACH  
OR SOME-  
THING...?

...TAMA-  
MIN'S...  
IN FULL-ON  
LOLITA  
MODE  
TODAY...

AH,  
THIS IS  
RAN-CHAN!

HUH?  
RAN-  
CHAN?



HEY THERE!!  
SORRY FOR  
MAKING  
YOU TWO  
WAIT!!

IT'S  
RIGHT  
OVER  
HERE!



THAT'S JUST SOMEONE DRESSED AS A GUY!

OKAY, YOU TWO PUT THESE ON!

WHAT?

TAMAKI, A GUY JUST CAME OUT OF THERE...

COME ON IN! THE WOMEN'S CHANGING ROOM IS OVER HERE!

WHAT IS THIS? A POOL?

数分後。

A FEW MINUTES LATER



HEEEN! JUST AS I THOUGHT! YOU TWO BOTH LOOK GREAT!!

HANG ON... YOU SAID YOU WERE GONNA INTRODUCE YOUR FRIENDS...

HEEEN! JUST AS I THOUGHT! YOU TWO BOTH LOOK GREAT!!

I'D MUCH RATHER WEAR THE ONE I BROUGHT...

HEY, NOW COME I'M THE ONLY ONE IN A BIKINI??

IS THIS A BOY'S SCHOOL UNIFORM?

AH, YOU'RE RIGHT, I HAVEN'T DONE THAT YET!

HEY EVERYBODY!

LM... HELLO...





LOVE

I LOVE  
YOU,  
DARLING!!

THE NEXT  
DAY

I  
THOUGHT  
IT  
MIGHT  
BE  
OKAY...

IT WAS  
INTERESTING,  
BUT THERE SURE  
WERE A LOT OF  
WEIRD PEOPLE  
THERE! I THINK  
I'LL GIVE IT A  
PASS NEXT  
TIME...

OH, SO YOU WENT?  
THEY TOLD ME TO  
WEAR THIS SUPER-  
HOT BLACK COAT  
AND HAT, BUT  
I SAID NO...

I WANT  
A PHOTO  
OF THAT,  
TOO!  
DO IT  
AGAIN!

もへ

TO  
GO  
AGAIN.

DIS-  
LIKE  
...?

OH  
WANT  
TO  
DO

TOM-  
MOR-  
ROW  
WITH  
MY  
NEW  
FRIENDS

FLASH

FLASH

FLASH

FLASH

FLASH

FLASH

FLASH

FLASH



## おまけマンガ②

HMM...  
BUT I DON'T  
REALLY HAVE  
A "TYPE"...

YEAH, SO AS  
A WAY OF SAYING  
THANKS, WE'LL TRY TO  
FIND A GUY THAT'S  
YOUR TYPE FOR THE  
NEXT WATCHMAKER  
PARTY!

HMM...

FIVE  
GUYS?!

SPEAKING  
OF WHICH,  
WHAT BECAUSE OF  
THAT FIGHT YOU HAD  
WHEN THEY FOUND OUT  
YOU WERE SEEING  
FIVE GUYS AT  
ONCE?

A TYPE  
OF GUY  
I  
LIKE?

I DECIDED TO  
BE HONEST AND  
APOLOGIZE. SO  
I TEXTED EVERYONE.  
THEN I GOT  
REPLIES FROM  
EVERYONE.

WANNA  
SEE?

NO,  
THINGS  
ARE STILL  
THE SAME.

OH,  
SO YOU  
PARED IT  
DOWN TO  
ONE?

OH! THAT?  
IT EVENTUALLY  
WORKED ITSELF  
OUT.

SORRY  
FOR CAUSING  
SO MUCH  
TROUBLE!

HMM?  
YOU'RE  
STILL  
SEEING  
FIVE  
GUYS?



YOU'RE SUCH A HORRIBLE WOMAN! HOW COULD YOU DATE FIVE GUYS AT THE SAME TIME! ONLY YOU COULD DO SOMETHING THIS BAD TO ME, SATOKO... BUT WITHOUT YOU... I CAN'T GO ON...

OSAMU

I DON'T CARE HOW MANY GUYS YOU DATE! I LIKE YOUR UNRESTRAINABLE NATURE!

TETSUYA

I AM YOUR DOG, MISS SATOKO. MASTER CAN DO WHATEVER SHE WANTS AND I WON'T COMPLAIN.

HIRO

I TRUST YOU'LL CHOOSE ME WHEN ALL IS SAID AND DONE. ON THAT NOTE, DO YOU WANT ANYTHING? MAYBE A NEW BAG OR SOMETHING?

TORU

THANKS FOR MAILING ME, IT'S BEEN A WHILE! DON'T FEEL BAD ABOUT SEEING FIVE GUYS AT ONCE! GET A HOLD OF ME WHENEVER YOU WANT! I'M WAITING!

YUICHI

OH, THAT REMINDS ME.

IF THERE ARE ANY GUYS OUT THERE THAT THINK THEY CAN OUTDO THESE FIVE, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH ME!

MAN, I'M AFRAID TO SEE WHAT KIND OF GUY THAT WOULD BE...

EVEN AFTER ALL THAT, IS SHE STILL TRYING TO PICK A WINNER...?

IF I HAD TO SAY IT, I LIKE MY GUYS A BIT ON THE MASOCHISTIC SIDE.



# おまけマンガ③





IT'S MY  
FIRST  
VOLUME 2  
EVER!  
PLEASE DON'T  
ASK ME HOW  
LONG  
I'VE BEEN  
DOING  
THIS...

THANKS FOR  
BUYING IT!

CAND TO THOSE WHO  
BORROWED IT, TOO.

# 2 VOLUME 2 LICHENS

HI,  
IT'S  
MR.  
MORI-  
NAGA.



YES I  
DO THE  
RIGHT

SO, THE ISSUE AT HAND HERE  
IS KISSING ANOTHER GIRL..  
I NEVER DID THAT WHEN I WAS  
IN JUNIOR HIGH, BUT WHEN  
TAKING PRINT CLUB PHOTOS IN  
VOCATIONAL SCHOOL, IT HAPPENED  
A LOT. I STILL HAVE THEM!

WELL, THEN  
WE COULD HAVE  
PHONE CARDS...



BECAUSE  
I HAVE  
A HUGE  
OYSTER!



HERE IS MARI-CHIN.  
SHE KISSED AT THE  
END OF VOLUME 1,  
BUT EACH TIME  
SHE DOES IT,  
SHE TOTALLY  
FREAKS OUT.



I'M  
ACTU-  
ALLY  
20  
YEARS  
OLD!

THAT'S  
JUST  
JUICE  
IN  
HERE!

UNDER-  
AGE  
DRINK-  
ING  
IS  
"BAD!"

BY THE WAY,  
IT MAY BE  
A BIT LATE  
FOR THIS,  
BUT...

AH!

IF TWO GUYS WERE TO DO THIS,  
IT WOULD BE PRETTY SHOCKING  
AND PEOPLE WOULD MAKE LOTS  
OF NOISE ABOUT IT, YET GIRLS  
HAVE THE MAGICAL POWER TO DO  
THIS AND THEN SAY, "WHAT? IT'S  
NO BIG DEAL AT ALL!"



S  
&  
M.

THE  
THEME  
FOR THE  
OTHER TWO  
WAS

THE THEME WAS  
"GIRLS'  
LOVE."

I'M DESPERE  
AS YOU CAN  
SEE I GOTTA  
HAVE  
THE MOST!

NOT "COSPLAY"!  
IT'S THAT  
SIMPLE!

BY THE WAY  
THE THREE SHORT  
STORIES AT THE  
END OF THIS  
VOLUME WERE  
ORIGINALLY  
PRINTED IN A  
COMIC HIGH  
POUNTSHI  
COMIC SOLD  
AT CONVENTIONS.



ANYWAY, WE'LL WORRY ABOUT THAT  
IN VOLUME THREE!  
WE'RE STARTING TO GET REALLY  
GIRLS' LOVE-Y HERE. BUT I ALSO WANT  
TO DO A CLASSIC, EVERYDAY GIRLS'  
MANGA AS WELL. THERE'S STILL SOME  
CHARACTERS THAT HAVEN'T  
HAD MUCH OF A CHANCE  
TO SHINE YET...



I'M NO GOOD AT BEING GIVEN A THEME AND  
COMING UP WITH IDEAS BASED AROUND IT...  
I HOPE THAT FROM NOW ON, THE THEME FOR ALL  
THESE COMIC HIGH POUNSHI COMICS WILL BE  
"GIRLS' LOVE"...

THEN  
I COULD  
JUST HAVE  
MY WAY  
THROUGH IT...



I FEEL  
BAD HOWEVER  
I SEE OTHER  
PEOPLE...

NEXT TIME  
IS AKKO'S  
TURN.  
HOW WILL  
THINGS BETWEEN  
HER AND MARI  
CHANGE FROM  
NOW?

IT'S STILL A SECRET!

SEE YOU  
IN VOLUME  
THREE!



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I WAS  
KISSED  
BY MY  
FRIEND.

CHAPTER 15  
[第15話]





"SLIDE"

カ  
ラ

I MEAN,  
WE'RE  
BOTH  
GIRLS

OH!  
AKKO,  
YOU'RE  
RUNNING  
LATE  
AGAIN?

MORNING!

WHERE'S  
MARI?  
HAS SHE  
ALREADY  
LEFT?

UHHH  
...

YOU'RE  
LUCKY  
YOU MADE  
IT IN TIME.  
WE'RE GOING  
TO ANOTHER  
ROOM NEXT.

HUH?

I  
OVERSLEPT!  
I DIDN'T  
MEAN TO  
ARRIVE  
LATE!

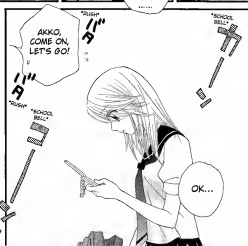
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ROUND"

THE  
BIOLOGY  
ROOM.

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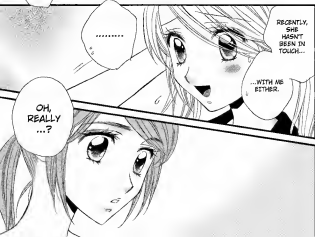
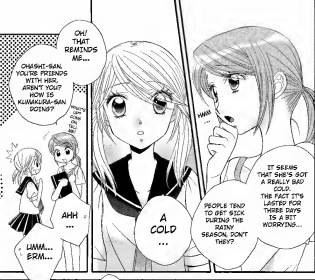
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THAT  
WAS  
LUCKY!  
WHERE  
ARE WE  
GOING?













WHY  
DO I  
HAVE  
TO DO  
IT?

SO...



I DON'T WANT  
MY HAIR TO  
GET MESSED  
UP, SO I'D  
LIKE TO GO  
HOME NOW.

IT'S NOTHING, BUT I  
FORGET MY HAIR  
FROM MY HAIR  
WILL PROBABLY  
ALL FINE.

WOULDN'T  
IT BE  
BETTER IF  
YOU TEXTED  
HER  
INSTEAD?

AH!  
WAIT,  
WAIT!  
I GET  
IT!



I  
MEAN,  
EVEN  
IF I  
TEXT  
HER  
...

...SHE  
MIGHT  
NOT  
REPLY.



I TOLD  
YOU...  
JUST SEND  
A TEXT  
TO MARI  
ASKING  
...

"ARE YOU  
OK?  
HOW'S  
YOUR  
COLD?"

BUT I'M  
IN A  
DIFFERENT  
CLASS.  
ISN'T IT A  
LITTLE  
STRANGE  
THAT  
NARUCHAN  
WOULD  
ASK ME?



HMM...  
THAT'S  
UNUSUAL.

KIND  
OF.

UHHH  
...  
WELL  
...

YEAH  
...

HUH?  
DID YOU  
HAVE AN  
ARGUMENT  
WITH  
MARICHIN?



SO I'M  
DOING  
THE  
SAME  
THING.

WELL...  
I HAVEN'T  
TEXTED HER  
EITHER...



I HAVEN'T  
HAD A  
SINGLE  
TEXT FROM  
HER SINCE  
THEN...

SHE'S  
DEFINITELY  
AVOIDING  
ME...



SOMETHING  
WHERE MY  
EXPERIENCE  
MIGHT BE  
USEFUL.

CAN'T YOU  
TALK TO ME  
ABOUT  
SOMETHING  
A LITTLE  
MORE  
"STEAMY"  
FROM TIME  
TO TIME?

YEAH  
...

WHenever  
you want  
to discuss  
something  
with me, it's  
always  
about  
MARICHIN.

THE  
HUB!



AKKO,  
ISN'T THAT  
ALL THE MORE  
REASON FOR  
YOU TO  
TEXT HER?

AFTER ALL,  
ISN'T IT  
JUST ANOTHER  
SELLY  
ARGUMENT  
LIKE THAT  
TIME BEFORE?



IT'S  
ABOUT  
A FRIEND  
OF MINE.



MAKING  
THE  
BOOKS  
TOGETHER

BY  
THE  
WAY  
....

OH,  
WELL  
...

YES?



BUT IT  
SEEMS  
LIKE THAT  
FRIEND  
...

YEAH  
?

SHE HAS  
A REALLY  
GOOD  
FRIEND.

I...  
LIKES  
HER.



THAT  
FRIEND  
K...

...KISSED  
HER.



IN THAT  
CASE...

WHAT  
DO YOU  
THINK  
SHE  
SHOULD  
DO?



CAN'T  
START  
SEEING  
ANOTHER  
GIRL!!

SHE...



BUT  
...

DON'T  
YOU  
THINK?

UNLESS  
SHE'S  
AGAINST  
IT, THEY  
SHOULD START  
SEEING  
EACH OTHER.

WHAT  
SHOULD  
SHE DO?











IF SHE  
DOESN'T  
WANT TO  
RUIN THEIR  
FRIENDSHIP.

SHE HAS TO  
REFUSE GENTLY,  
IN A WAY THAT  
WON'T HURT HER  
FEELINGS.



I SEE...



WHY NOT  
SEND A  
TEXT THAT  
DOESN'T  
MENTION  
THAT?

ANYWAY  
...

DEPENDING  
ON MY  
RESPONSE  
...

.....

...WE  
MIGHT  
STOP  
BEING  
FRIENDS.

TO  
MARICHIN,  
I MEAN.



HMM?  
YEAH, I  
KNOW.

HMM...

I...  
I WANT YOU  
TO MAKE UP  
WITH  
MARICHIN  
QUICKLY  
TOO.

Y...  
YEAH...



AH!

HMM...  
I WAS  
TALKING  
ABOUT MY  
FRIEND...

POIN



BEFORE  
IT BECOMES  
AWKWARD.

YEAH...

HUH?



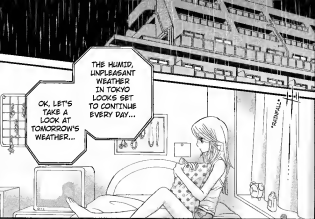
TALKING  
ABOUT  
HER  
FRIEND...

HMM...



SHALL WE  
GO NOW?  
I'M JUST  
GOING TO  
THE TOILET  
FIRST.

YEAH,  
OK.





AT THAT  
MOMENT...

BUT  
...

IF I  
WERE  
A  
BOY  
...

I  
THINK  
I WOULD  
DEFINITELY  
FALL IN  
LOVE  
WITH  
YOU,  
MART!!

MART'S FACE WAS...



I HURT  
HER  
FEELINGS  
...

...  
HMM  
...

I  
REALLY  
DID.



CAN I  
JUST ACT  
LIKE  
NOTHING'S  
HAPPENED?



.....  
I HAVE  
TO SEND  
HER A  
TEXT...

EVEN  
THOUGH  
SHE'S  
MY  
FRIEND?



MAYBE  
IT'S LIKE  
SHOI-SAN  
SAID...

JUST A  
MISUNDER-  
STANDING.



BUT  
...

WHAT IF  
SHE WAS  
SERIOUS?

EVEN  
THOUGH  
SHE'S  
MY  
FRIEND  
...



...I  
DIDN'T  
HAVE TO  
SEE  
HER AT  
SCHOOL  
...

...SO  
I FELT  
RELIEVED.



SHE'S A DEAR FRIEND.  
I DON'T WANT TO  
LOSE HER.

EVEN SO...

THE  
THOUGHT  
OF...

MEETING  
MARI...

SCARES  
ME.





THINGS I ALWAYS  
TAKE TO SCHOOL

**GIRL FRIENDS** — ガールフレンズ —







I DON'T  
KNOW  
HOW I  
SHOULD  
BEHAVE.

I MEAN  
...

THE  
THOUGHT  
OF  
MEETING  
MARI  
SCARED  
ME...

MORNING,  
AKKO!

EVEN SO,  
I DON'T  
REALLY  
KNOW  
WHY...

I'M  
WAITING  
LIKE  
THIS  
HERE,  
TODAY.

TAP

I HATE  
THE FACT  
THAT I FEEL  
RELIEVED  
BY THAT...

BUT  
...

MAYBE  
SHE'S  
TAKING  
A DAY  
OFF  
TODAY  
TOO...

M...

MORNING.

SORRY I COULDN'T SEND YOU A TEXT.

I WAS SLEEPING THE WHOLE TIME.

AH! NO, NO!

I... I WAS BUSY TOO, SO I COULDN'T TEXT YOU EITHER!

LOOK AT THIS, MY SKIRT GOT WET FROM THE PERSON NEXT TO ME'S UMBRELLA JUST NOW.

THAT HAPPENS TO ME TOO!

REALLY?

I ALWAYS DO IT BACK TO THEM!

...IT'S THE SAME AS BEFORE. THE SAME OLD MART.

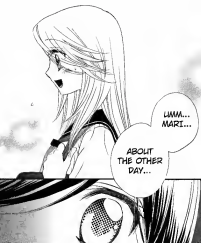
GOOD, SHE'S SMILING.

YEAH. IT'S OK NOW. IT MUST HAVE BEEN BECAUSE IT'S BEEN SO COLD LATELY.

UUM... IS YOUR COLD BETTER NOW?

IT'S BEEN A LOT COLDER SINCE THE RAINY SEASON BEGAN.





UAAA...  
MARI...

ABOUT  
THE OTHER  
DAY...

WHEN I  
THOUGHT  
THAT, I  
JUST  
NATURALLY  
OPENED MY  
MOUTH AND  
SAID...

PERSON  
THAT  
SHE  
LIKES  
...?

I  
COULDN'T  
HELP  
GETTING  
A LITTLE  
MAD ABOUT  
IT.

THE  
OTHER DAY,  
YOU WERE  
SAYING A  
LOT OF THINGS  
ABOUT THE  
PERSON THAT  
I LIKE...

HUH?

YEAH,  
I'M  
SORRY.





I'M  
SORRY.

I THOUGHT  
I'D MAKE  
YOU FEEL  
A BIT  
AWKWARD

SO I  
PLAYED  
THAT  
STRANGE  
JOKE ON  
YOU.

# [第16話]

CHAPTER 16





COMPARED  
TO BEFORE,  
NOTHING  
HAD  
CHANGED.

SINCE THEN,  
SHE'S BEEN  
SMILING  
AS SHE  
COMES TO THE  
PLATFORM  
EVERY  
MORNING.

SHE'S MY  
CLOSEST,  
DEAREST  
FRIEND.

ONE  
THING IS  
A LITTLE  
DIFFERENT  
TO BEFORE  
...

HUH?   
YOU  
NOTICED?

JUST  
A  
LITTLE  
...

MARI,  
ARE YOU  
WEARING  
PERFUME?

  
HUH?



BUT WHEN  
I SMELL IT  
UP CLOSE,  
IT SMELLS  
REALLY  
GOOD!

I'D  
NEVER  
NOTICED  
UNTIL  
NOW.



YES!  
THANK  
YOU!

DON'T  
YOU?  
♡

THAT'S  
BECAUSE  
MARICHIN  
HAS A  
DATE AFTER  
SCHOOL  
TODAY!  
♡



R...  
REALLY?

I LET  
HER PUT  
ON SOME  
OF MY  
PERFUME  
DURING  
LUNCH  
BREAK!

OH,  
THAT'S  
BECAUSE  
...







UHM...  
THAT  
REMINDS  
ME...



BUT I  
PUT IT  
ON LIKE  
YOU'RE  
SUPPOSED  
TO.



UHM...  
IS THAT  
SO?  
ON HER  
WAIST...

SO SHE SAID  
THAT SHE  
PUTS IT ON  
HER WAIST  
AND THIGHS.

SUGI-SAN SAID  
THAT IF YOU PUT  
ON YOUR WRISTS  
AND BEHIND YOUR  
EARS, IT WILL SMELL  
BAD WHEN YOU GET  
HOT AND  
INCONVENIENCE  
THOSE  
AROUND YOU...

YOU  
SAID  
...

THOSE  
...

ON BOTH  
WRISTS,  
ON MY  
CHEST,  
BEHIND  
MY EARS

THAT'S  
TOO  
MUCH!



A...  
AND HER  
THIGHS  
?

AS  
EXPECTED  
OF  
SUGI-SAN!

IT'S SO  
WONDERFULLY  
SUGGESTIVE!  
I THINK  
I'LL TRY IT  
TOO!

NOW  
LIVE!



MAYBE I  
SHOULD  
BUY SOME  
PERFUME  
...

...TO  
WEAR ON  
DATES.



...HUH?



WHEN  
YOU SAY  
'FRUITY',  
WHAT DO  
YOU HAVE  
IN MIND?

WELL,  
HOW ABOUT  
PEACH OR  
APRICOT?

A BRAND OF  
PERFUME  
LIKE  
ANNA SUI OR  
ANGEL HEART  
MIGHT BE  
NICE.  
♡

IT'LL SOON  
BE SUMMER!  
DONT YOU  
THINK  
SOMETHING  
FRUITY  
WOULD BE  
GOOD?

THAT'S  
RIGHT!  
YOU HAVE  
A  
BOYFRIEND!

YOU CAN  
USE THE  
SCENT OF  
PERFUME TO  
HIM FEEL  
EXCITED,  
TOO!!  
♡

SO  
THAT'S  
WHAT  
YOU'VE  
BEEN  
TRYING  
TO DO  
...

.....

THESE  
BIORE  
SHEETS  
SMELL NICE.  
THEY'RE  
FRUITY  
TOO!

LOOK,  
THIS  
ONE IS  
GREEN  
APPLE!

YOU CAN GET  
SARA SARA  
SHEETS THAT  
HAVE A  
FRAGRANCE,  
YOU KNOW?

BECAUSE OF  
MY CLUB  
ACTIVITIES,  
I CAN ONLY  
USE BIORE'S  
"SARA SARA"  
SHEETS\*!

TASUKE,  
WHY DON'T  
YOU TRY USING  
SOME PERFUME  
TO MAKE  
YOURSELF  
MORE POPULAR  
WITH THE  
BOYS?

BUT THEY'RE  
A LONG  
WAY OFF  
MAKING YOU  
POPULAR  
WITH THE  
BOYS!

BIORE  
SHEETS  
TO KISS  
JAIL SHEET

TRAVIS  
CLUB

NOW EVEN  
MARTIN  
WAS A  
BOYFRIEND  
...

MARI  
STARTED  
TALKING  
ABOUT  
HER  
BOYFRIEND  
A LOT.

I THINK  
THE BEST  
ONE WOULD  
BE PEACH.

HMM...

ANYWAY YOU  
ARE POPULAR  
NOW A LOT

WENT TO  
ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL

IT SEEMS  
THAT  
MART'S  
BOYFRIEND  
...

HAD ACTUALLY  
LIKED HER  
SINCE THEY  
WERE IN  
ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL.



HEY,  
DO YOU  
LOOK  
GOOD

OH,  
YOU  
WENT  
WELL

WELL,  
YOU  
DOOK  
OFF  
IT

WELL,  
YOU  
WERE  
REALLY  
GOOD

THEY WENT  
TO SEPARATE  
JUNIOR HIGH  
SCHOOLS, SO  
THEY WERE NO  
LONGER ABLE  
TO SEE EACH  
OTHER,  
BUT...

HE STILL  
REALLY  
LIKED  
HER.

WHEN THEY  
ENTERED HIGH  
SCHOOL, HE WOULD  
SOMETIMES SEE  
HER AT THE TRAIN  
STATION AND JUST  
AS HE WAS  
ABOUT TO CALL  
OUT TO HER



DIDN'T SHE  
GIVE HIM  
CHOCOLATES  
OR  
SOMETHING?

IF THAT'S  
THE CASE,  
WHY DIDN'T  
HE TELL HER  
HOW HE  
FELT WHEN  
THEY WERE  
IN JUNIOR  
HIGH  
SCHOOL?

WHAT!?

WHERE  
IN THE  
WORLD  
WOULD YOU  
FIND A HIGH  
SCHOOL BOY  
SO INNOCENT  
!?

HE WAS  
THE  
ONLY  
ONE  
WHO  
COULD  
DO THAT  
HE FELT

NOTE ON  
VALENTINE'S  
DAY IN JAPAN  
GIRLS GIVE  
CHOCOLATES  
TO BOYS THAT  
THEY LIKE  
AS A SIGN OF  
COMPLIMENT  
THESE  
RELATIONS  
ARE USUALLY  
LASTED ON  
MARCH 5TH  
THOSE BOYS  
BUY CHOCOL-  
ATES FOR  
THESE GIRLS  
AT A SHOP  
THAT THEY  
OBTAIN THESE  
RELATIONS  
THIS MEANS  
THAT THE  
BOYS ARE  
NOT ABLE TO  
RECOVER  
WHETHER THEY  
LIKE THAT  
GIRL OR NOT



DON'T YOU  
THINK THAT'S  
REALLY  
OBVIOUS?  
HEY,  
TANAMIN!

HE MAKES  
OUT THAT HE'S  
LIKED HER FOR  
AGES,  
BUT REALLY  
IT'S ONLY  
BECAUSE  
HE'S SEEN HOW  
CUTE SHE'S  
BECOME  
RECENTLY  
...

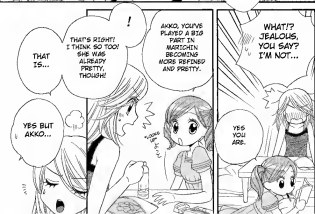
...THAT  
HE HAS  
STARTED  
WANTING  
TO GO  
OUT WITH  
HER.

WELL...  
YEAH...



I  
UNDERSTAND  
HOW YOU  
FEEL BUT...

...THERE'S  
NO NEED  
TO BE SO  
JEALOUS.



THAT  
IS...

! THAT'S RIGHT!  
I THINK SO TOO!  
SHE WAS  
ALREADY  
PRETTY,  
THOUGH!

AKKO, YOU'VE  
PLAYED A BIG  
PART IN  
MARICHIN  
BECOMING  
MORE REFINED  
AND PRETTY.

WHAT!?  
JEALOUS,  
YOU SAY?  
I'M NOT...

YES BUT  
AKKO...

YES  
YOU  
ARE.

EVEN IF  
YOU'RE NOT  
HAPPY ABOUT  
IT, IT CAN'T  
BE HELPED,  
CAN IT?

IT'S  
BECAUSE  
MARICHIN  
GOT A  
BOYFRIEND  
BEFORE  
YOU.

WELL  
THAT--



HUH?



OK?

THIS  
YEAR,  
YOU  
SHOULD  
GET A  
PROPER  
BOY-  
FRIEND.

YOU  
SHOULDN'T  
HAVE A  
SUMMER  
ROMANCE  
LIKE LAST  
YEAR.

SO  
THAT'S  
WHAT  
THEY  
THINK IT  
WAS...

REPRODUCTION

WELL  
THAT--

MAYBE  
IT'S  
TRUE?

IF  
THAT'S  
NOT IT,  
WHAT IS  
IT?

NO, IT'S  
NOT THAT...  
IT'S JUST  
...

AKKO,  
LISTEN  
HERE...

COME  
ON  
CHIEF  
LIFE

WELL  
THAT--



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I HADN'T REALIZED  
...

THAT THE  
RAINY  
SEASON  
HAD ENDED.

OH  
YEAH  
...

THE  
SUMMER  
BREAK  
...



BUT I  
HAVEN'T  
READ THIS  
MANGA  
BEFORE!

AKKO,  
WHERE'S  
THE NEXT  
VOLUME?

I JUST  
REALIZED  
BUT...

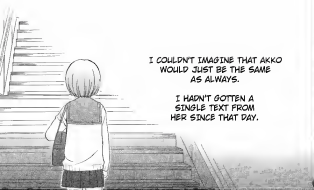
WE HAVEN'T  
BEEN  
STUDYING AT  
ALL. AREN'T  
WE GOING  
TO GET IN  
TROUBLE?

ABOUT  
WE  
WANTOED  
TO BE  
REMOVED  
FROM THE  
END OF TERM  
EXAM?

THEY HAVEN'T EVEN  
TAKEN OUT THEIR  
TEACHBOOKS



THAT DAY,  
I WAS SCARED TO GO TO THE PLATFORM...



I COULDN'T IMAGINE THAT AKKO  
WOULD JUST BE THE SAME  
AS ALWAYS.

I HADN'T GOTTEN A  
SINGLE TEXT FROM  
HER SINCE THAT DAY.



BUT IF...

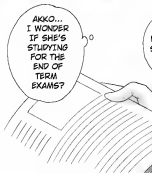
IF AKKO WAS  
WAITING THERE,  
THE SAME AS  
ALWAYS...



...IF SHE WOULD  
BE MY FRIEND...

SORRY  
TO KEEP  
YOU WAITING!  
HERE'S YOUR  
OOLONG TEA!







HUH  
...?

KUMAKURA...  
IS THERE  
ANYWHERE  
YOU'D LIKE TO  
GO IN THE  
SUMMER  
BREAK?

I THOUGHT  
THAT BY  
THINKING ABOUT  
THE SUMMER BREAK  
AFTER THE END OF  
TERM, WE'D  
BECOME MORE  
MOTIVATED!



OH YEAH...  
THE  
SUMMER  
BREAK...

IT'S...  
IT'S  
SOMETHING  
I  
LOOK  
FORWARD  
TO!

I WON'T  
BE ABLE  
TO SEE  
HER FOR  
MORE THAN  
A MONTH.

IF WE CAN JUST  
BE FRIENDS, THAT  
WOULD BE GOOD.

THAT WOULD BE ENOUGH.



THAT'S WHY I MUSTN'T TELL HER HOW I FEEL.



YEAH.

I'M  
LOOKING  
FORWARD  
TO IT  
TOO.

SURELY  
THAT  
WILL

...

...  
BE OK,  
WON'T  
IT?

HEY, WHY  
DO WE HAVE  
TO TAKE SO  
MANY TESTS  
THROUGHOUT  
THE YEAR?

THAT'S ALL  
PART OF  
BEING A  
STUDENT,  
AKKO.



I'LL BRING MY  
SCHOOL BAG.

OH! THAT'S  
NOT WHAT  
YOU MEANT.



**GIRL FRIENDS** — ガールフレンズ —







"SOUND OF CICADAS"

"SOUND OF CICADAS"

YAAAWN

AH...

IT'S ABOUT TIME I GOT UP.

WOAH!

THE KITCHEN IS SO HOT!

BEEP!





I'VE BEEN  
RUSHING  
AROUND  
WITH THE  
END OF  
TERM EXAMS  
CI **NARROWLY**  
ESCAPED  
HAVING TO  
DO **RETAKE(S)**

...  
SEARCHING  
FOR THE  
LAST ITEMS  
IN THE  
SUMMER  
SALES  
AND GOING  
TO THE END  
OF SCHOOL  
CEREMONY.



THE  
PART OF  
THE YEAR  
THAT  
SHOULD  
BE THE  
MOST  
ENJOYABLE

...THE  
SUMMER  
BREAK,  
HAD  
BEGIN.







A...  
AKKO?  
WHAT  
ARE YOU  
UP TO?

HELLO?

♪

!



I'M  
JUST  
EATING  
BREAK-  
FAST.

HEY!  
AKKO,  
ARE YOU  
EATING  
SOME-  
THING?

AH HA HA!  
I'M SORRY,  
I WAS  
JUST KIPPING!

HEY!  
YOU'VE  
REALLY  
HURT MY  
FEELINGS!!

WHAT?  
IS THAT  
TAGLICHE?

BREAK-  
FAST!  
BUT IT'S  
PAST  
NOON!

Having  
a little  
breakfast  
earlier



SAY, AKKO,  
ARE YOU  
FREE TODAY?  
DO YOU  
WANNA GO  
SHOPPING?

WOAH,  
SERIOUSLY?

6 O'CLOCK

HEY,  
I TOLD  
YOU  
NOT TO  
JUMP  
UP  
HERE!

HEY!

I HAVE  
CLUB  
ACTIVITIES  
THREE  
TIMES A  
WEEK, SO  
I HAVE  
TO GET UP  
AT 6 O'CLOCK!

EVEN  
THOUGH  
IT'S THE  
SUMMER  
BREAK!  
CAN YOU  
BELIEVE  
THAT?



HOW  
WOULD I  
BEAR  
TO BE  
WORN  
A  
ONE-PIECE  
SWIMSUIT?

A  
SWIMSUIT?

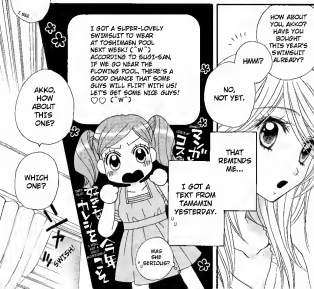
YEAH, WE'RE  
GOING TO  
THE BEACH FOR  
OUR SUMMER  
CAMP!

OH,  
WITH THE  
TENNIS  
CLUB!

SO, YOU  
NEED TO  
BUY A  
BRAND  
NEW ONE?

IT WOULD  
BE SO  
EMBARRASSING  
IF I WORE  
THE SAME  
SWIMSUIT I  
WORE AT LAST  
YEAR'S SUMMER  
CAMP!

OH...



HOW ABOUT  
YOU, AKKO?  
HAVE YOU  
BOUGHT  
THIS YEAR'S  
SWIMSUIT  
ALREADY?

HMM?

NO,  
NOT YET.

I GOT A SUPER-LOVELY  
SWIMSUIT TO WEAR  
AT TOSHIMAEN POOL  
NEXT WEEK! ("W")  
ACCORDING TO BUSI-BUN,  
IF WE GO NEAR THE  
FLOWING POOL, THERE'S A  
GOOD CHANCE THAT SOME  
GUYS WILL FLIRT WITH US!  
LET'S GET SOME NICE GUYS!  
♡♡ ("W")

AKKO,  
HOW  
ABOUT  
THIS  
ONE?

THAT  
REMINDS  
ME...

I GOT A  
TEXT FROM  
TAMAMIN  
YESTERDAY.

WHICH  
ONE?

WAS  
SHE  
SERIOUS?

SWIMSUIT







I WASN'T PLANNING TO BUY ANYTHING BUT... AFTER SEEING IT, I WANT TO BUY IT!

I WASN'T PLANNING TO BUY ANYTHING BUT... AFTER SEEING IT, I WANT TO BUY IT!

I WON'T OWE A LOT OF THINGS IN THE SALE ALREADY

WELL, I DON'T



IT IS CUTE AFTER ALL! I REALLY LIKE IT!

♡



I'M A SALE



I MIGHT AS WELL TRY THIS ONE TOO...



WOW!

♡







\*PAREO = A SHORT SARONG-LIKE WEIRD THING WEAR OVER THE TOP OF TROUSERS BOTTOMS ETC.



OF COURSE!  
IN THE END,  
IT WAS SO  
CUTE, THAT  
I BOUGHT  
ONE TOO!

OH YEAH!  
YOU BOUGHT  
ONE TOO,  
DIDN'T YOU,  
AKKO?

WHAT  
SORT?  
A  
BIKINI?

WELL, IT'S  
GOING TO  
BE OVER-  
SHADOWED  
BY  
TAMAMIN'S  
SWIMSUIT...

WE  
WOULD  
DEFINITELY  
LOSE TO  
THAT...

I'M NOT  
SURE THAT  
I'D WANT  
TO BEAT  
IT THOUGH  
...

LOOK AT  
THESE. CAN  
YOU  
BELIEVE  
IT?

SHES  
DEFINITELY  
GOING TO  
LOSE THE  
BIBO AND  
TUEL  
TROUSER

AND  
THE  
COLLIER

どあう?

WELL, I WAS  
THINKING  
OF INVITING  
HER BUT...

I'M NOT  
SURE IF  
IT'S A  
GOOD IDEA  
OR NOT...

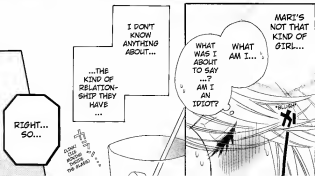
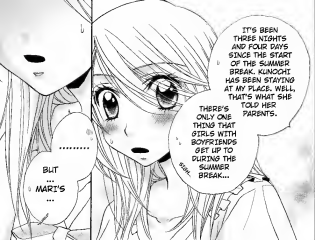
BECAUSE  
YOU'RE  
GOING  
THREE TO  
FLEET  
WITH  
BOYS?

SO, IT'S  
JUST YOU  
AND  
TAMAMIN...

COULDN'T  
MARICHIN  
MAKE IT?

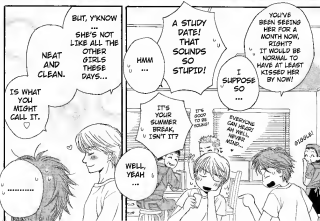
ムキムキ  
MA-VOUSE













SHE MUST  
BE TWO-  
TIMING  
YOU!

THERE'S  
SOMEONE  
ELSE THAT  
SHE PREFERS!

SHE'LL  
ONLY  
PUT OUT

WHEN IT  
SUITS HER!

IT'S ALL  
PART OF  
HER PLAN!

IT'S SO  
OBVIOUS!

YOU IDIOT!

HIGH SCHOOL  
GIRLS LIKE  
THAT DON'T  
EXIST!

ACTUALLY,  
THIS IS  
CORRECT  
...

AFTER  
OVERHEARING  
THE PHONE  
CONVERSATIONS  
THAT MY OLDER  
SISTER HAS  
WITH HER FRIENDS  
EVERY DAY,  
I'VE LOST ALL  
HOPE IN GIRLS...

HAHA  
BUT YOU  
DON'T  
HAVE  
ANY SENTIES

YOU REALLY  
CAN ONLY SEE  
GIRLS WITH  
THAT KIND OF  
CYNICISM.

IS SHE  
JUST AN  
IMAGINARY  
GIRLFRIEND?  
THAT'S IT,  
ISN'T IT?

YOU  
DON'T  
HAVE  
ANY?

I SEE,  
SHOW  
ME THE  
PHOTOS  
SHE SENT  
YOU ON  
HER PHONE!

OK  
THEN!

LET'S GET  
TO WORK,  
NABASHIMA  
KUN!

HEY!  
ABOUT  
TO THE  
FOURTH  
FLOOR!

HEY! LIKE  
A PIGEON  
INTERNAL!

Oh, oh  
the  
NABASHIMA  
INTERNAL!

EEK!

DON'T YOU  
WANNA  
MAKE OUT  
WITH HER?

ANYWAY,  
WHAT DO  
YOU THINK  
HARADA?

WELL  
...  
I DO  
BUT...



THAT  
SORT OF  
THING  
OFTEN  
HAPPENS,  
RIGHT?

WHEN I  
TOOK HER TO  
A HOTEL IN  
THE FALL,  
SHE WASN'T  
A VIRGIN  
ANYMORE.

SHE WENT  
TO THE  
BEACH WITH  
SOME OF  
HER FRIENDS  
AND SOME  
GUY WAS  
FLIRTING  
WITH HER.

THE GIRL  
I WAS  
SEEING IN  
THE SPRING  
WAS A  
VIRGIN  
BUT...

VOON!

BUT  
SERIOUSLY,  
I THINK  
YOU'RE  
WORRYIN'  
ABOUT IT  
TOO MUCH.

YOU DON'T  
WANNA  
REGRET IT  
LATER.



THAT'S WHY  
YOU DON'T  
STAY WITH  
THEM FOR  
VERY LONG  
...

GOON!  
I WANT  
A NEW  
SIDEFRIEND!

IF IT  
WERE ME,  
I COULD  
MAKE OUT  
WITH HER  
WITHIN  
THREE  
DAYS!

OH,  
YOU'RE  
HOPELESS  
!!

HUH?  
WHAT  
DO YOU  
MEAN?



TO BE  
HONEST  
...

THE  
THOUGHT  
OF HER  
BAILING OUT  
KIND OF  
SCARES ME.

EVEN  
THOUGH  
WE'VE BEEN  
TOGETHER  
A MONTH  
...

I'M NOT  
REALLY  
CONFIDENT  
IT'S GONNA  
WORK OUT  
...

IF I  
REALLY  
FALL FOR  
THE OTHER  
PERSON...

IT'S  
QUITE  
...



SCARY.

IT'S  
SCARY

...AND  
I DON'T  
WANT  
HER TO  
HATE ME.



YOU'RE  
EVEN TAKING  
A DAY OFF  
FROM THIS  
JOB  
TOMORROW,  
AREN'T YOU?

WHADYA  
TALKIN' ABOUT?  
SHE LIKES YOU,  
THAT'S WHY  
YOU'RE GOING  
OUT!

YOU'RE  
NOT  
ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL  
KIDS  
ANYMORE!



YOU DON'T  
WANNA  
WASTE  
THIS CHANCE  
DO YOU?

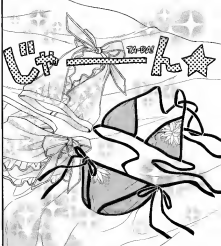


I  
BOUGHT  
BOTH OF  
THEM!

☆

EH!  
I

HEH!



IF I  
LENT IT  
TO HER,  
IT WOULD  
COME IN  
HANDY,  
RIGHT?

YEP! ♪  
IT WON'T  
GO TO  
WASTE!

YEP!  
YEP!

MARI  
DEFINITELY  
SAID  
THAT SHE  
DOESN'T  
HAVE A  
SWIMSUIT  
...

...SO  
IT WOULD  
BE A  
PROBLEM  
FOR HER  
IF SHE WERE  
SUDDENLY  
INVITED  
...

THAT'S  
RIGHT  
...





NO,  
NO  
...

FRIENDS  
DON'T  
HAVE TO  
...

...SPEAK  
FRANKLY  
ABOUT  
ABSOLUTELY  
EVERYTHING  
...



MY LOVE  
WILL  
NEVER  
BE  
FULFILLED  
!!



IF MARI  
IS HAPPY  
THEN IT  
WOULDN'T  
...



I CAN'T  
TEXT HER  
NOW.  
I MIGHT  
WAKE  
HER UP!

I SHOULD  
TEXT HER  
FIRST THING  
TOMORROW  
MORNING.



SO THAT  
THIS  
WON'T GO  
TO WASTE!  
♪

OK  
I'LL THEN!  
INVITE  
MARI TO  
THE POOL  
...

1:00 AM

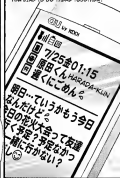


FIREWORKS  
FESTIVAL...  
THAT REMINDS  
ME... I OFTEN  
WENT THERE  
WHEN I WAS  
A KID...

HEE  
HEE!

TITLE: SORRY TO TALK YOU SO LATE!

IT'S ABOUT TOMORROW'S... OR SHOULD I  
SAY TODAY'S FIREWORKS FESTIVAL.  
DO YOU HAVE ANY PLANS TO GO THERE  
WITH YOUR FRIENDS? IF NOT, WOULD  
YOU LIKE TO GO THERE TOGETHER?



7/25金01:15  
原田くん HARADA-KUN  
一緒にこめんな  
明日...ていうかもう今日  
なんだけど  
明日の花火大会って友達  
と行く予定? 予定なかつ  
たら一緒に行かない?  
し



MESSAGE  
カキ  
カキ  
カキ  
MESSAGE



本文

大丈夫。まだ起きてた♪  
明日は何もよいていながつ  
たんだ。花火大会一緒に  
行けるよ😊

MESSAGE  
IT'S OK, I'M STILL AWAKE. I DON'T  
HAVE ANY PLANS FOR TOMORROW.  
I CAN GO TO THE FIREWORKS  
FESTIVAL WITH YOU!

I SHOULD

...

...START  
SEEING HIM  
FOR REAL.



**GIRL FRIENDS** — ガールフレンズ —







THIS IS  
ADACHI  
WARD OFFICE.

TODAY'S  
FIREWORKS  
FESTIVAL IS  
PROCEEDING  
AS  
PLANNED.



WOW!  
MARI, YOU  
CAN SEE THE  
FIREWORKS  
FROM YOUR  
BALCONY!



AAAA

AND WE'LL  
BE LISTENING  
ON AN  
AMERICAN RADIO

IT'S IN  
OUR LOCAL  
NEIGHBORHOOD.  
! THIS SHOULD  
BE OK...

CAN I  
COME  
AND SEE  
THEAT?

I CAN  
SEE THE  
ONES IN  
SUMIYAGAWA  
BUT THAT'S  
A LITTLE  
FAR AWAY.

HEY,  
THAT'S  
GREAT!

YES,  
THE SENJU  
FIREWORKS.  
IT'S CLOSE,  
SO THEY  
LOOK REALLY  
BIG.

OK, MARI,  
I'LL COME  
TO STAY AT  
YOUR PLACE  
IN THE  
SUMMER  
BREAK!

1

7/25 14:00  
あつー AKKO  
やばー★ YAB?

まり河原〜9 新橋の参道  
んと〜10 参道〜11 参道  
にまじった〜12 参道  
ない〜13 参道

HOW ARE YOU GUYS?  
NOT WORKING, THE PHONE  
TAKENAWAY. IS YOUR  
PHONE WOULD YOU LIKE  
TO COME WITH US?

0977-222-2222

IT'S  
AKKO!

Figure 1 consists of two bar charts, (a) and (b), showing the percentage of respondents for different age groups (18-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65+) across two categories: 'No' and 'Yes'.

Chart (a) shows the percentage of respondents for the 'No' category. The percentages are approximately: 18-24 (10%), 25-34 (15%), 35-44 (20%), 45-54 (25%), 55-64 (30%), and 65+ (35%).

Chart (b) shows the percentage of respondents for the 'Yes' category. The percentages are approximately: 18-24 (10%), 25-34 (15%), 35-44 (20%), 45-54 (25%), 55-64 (30%), and 65+ (35%).

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SHE  
HASN'T  
TEXTED ME  
IN AGES!

I'M  
NOT  
INTER-  
ESTED!

## CHAPTER 18 [第18話]



MOM, I'M  
JUST GOING  
TO SEE THE  
FIREWORKS  
FESTIVAL  
WITH MY FRIEND.

OH, THAT'S  
UNUSUAL.  
ARE YOU  
GOING TO THE  
SAIBANKMENT?  
IT'LL BE  
CROWDED YOU  
KNOW.

WAIT,  
MARI.  
ARE YOU  
GOING  
DRESSED  
LIKE THAT?



HARADA-KUN!  
SORRY I'M  
LATE!

NO,  
IT'S  
OK...

MY MOM  
MADE ME  
WEAR IT,  
SHE MADE  
SUCH  
A FUSS!

I'M SO  
SORRY I  
MADE YOU  
WAIT!

NO, NO!  
IT'S FINE,  
WE STILL  
HAVE  
TIME!

OH MY  
GOSH!  
SHE'S  
SO CUTE!  
SHE'S  
SUPER-  
CUTE!

TH...  
THAT  
YUKATA\*  
REALLY  
SUITS  
YOU!

REALLY?  
THANK  
YOU!

THERE  
ARE LOTS  
OF FOOD  
STALLS.

DO YOU  
WANT TO  
BUY  
SOMETHING  
ON THE  
WAY THERE?

SURE.



AH,  
NO...

I'M JUST  
HOLDING IT  
BECAUSE IT  
WOULDN'T FIT  
IN MY  
BAG.

HMM?  
IS SOME-  
THING UP  
WITH YOUR  
PHONE?

I DIDN'T  
HAVE  
ANY OTHER  
BAGS THAT  
WOULD  
SUIT THIS  
YUKATA.

OH! I  
FORGOT  
TO TELL  
YOU  
THE  
BAGS  
WAS  
FULL.

HMMMM  
.....



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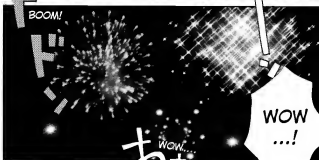
IS
YAKI-
SOBA*
ALRIGHT?

IT'S
OK!
IT'S
OK!

OH! I'LL
GO WITH
YOU!

AH!
WAIT HERE,
I'M JUST
GOING TO
GET
SOMETHING
FROM THE
FOOD STALLS!

S...
SURE
...





HMM?
WHAT
IS IT?

KIMAKURA
...
IF IT'S
OK WITH YOU,
MAYBE YOU
COULD USE
THIS.



I GOT THIS
FOR A GOOD
PRICE JUST
NOW FROM
AN ACCESSORY
STALL WHEN
I WENT TO
GET THE
FOOD.

IT LOOKS
LIKE YOU'RE
NOT USING
A CELL
PHONE
STRAP.

I THOUGHT
THAT IF YOU
PUT IT ON
NOW, IT WOULD
MAKE IT
EASIER TO
CARRY.



TH...

THANK
YOU!

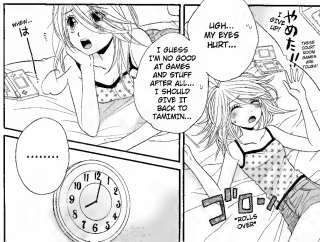
WELL
...

THE TRUTH
IS, I GOT
THE SAME
ONE FOR
MYSELF,
TOO!





REFERENCES
TO THE
"WARRIOR
WAGON"
A.K.A.
"PHOENIX
WAGON"
SERIES OF GAMES





*SUMMER
FESTIVAL
CELEBRATING
THE SPIRITS
OF DECEASED
RELATIVES.

IS
SOMETHING
HAPPENING
TODAY?
IS IT THE
BON DANCE
FESTIVAL*?

A
YUKATA?

.....

.....!

AH!

WHAAAT!?

MARI
...?

WHA?
WHAT'S
HAPPENING
OH?



WERE YOU
ON THE
WAY TO
MY PLACE?



HUFF
...

YOU'RE
WEARING
A YUKATA,
SO I DIDN'T
RECOGNIZE
YOU STRAIGHT
AWAY.

IF YOU'D
CALLED
OR
TEXTED
ME...



Y...
YEAH...
ONE IN
MY LOCAL
AREA...

DID YOU
GO TO A
FIREWORKS
FESTIVAL?

AH...
YOU'RE
WEARING
A
YUKATA,
SO...









NO,
I DIDN'T
...

HUH?
WHY NOT?

DIDN'T YOU
GO TO DRINK
TEA OR
ANYTHING WITH
HIM?

HUH?
ISN'T IT
A LITTLE
EARLY FOR THE
FIREWORKS
TO HAVE
ENDED?
THEY USUALLY
FINISH AROUND
NINE...



DID MARI
TAKE A
TRAIN TO
GET HERE?

ALL THE
WAY HERE?
BY HERSELF?



!

DID
SOME-
THING
HAPPEN?

DID
...





I...
I'M FINE.
IT'S
NOTHING
LIKE
THAT...

EH!?

ARE
YOU
OK
!?

DID...
DID HE
TRY TO
MAKE YOU
DO
SOMETHING?



BECAUSE
WE'RE
GOING
OUT
TOGETHER
...

IT'S
...

NORMAL
...



SO, HAVE
YOU KISSED
HIM?

...YEAH.

OH...!
IT'S JUST
A LITTLE
SURPRISING,
MARI!



DID YOU
DO MORE
THAN
THAT?

SO
...

WOW
...

YOU'RE
RIGHT...

OH...

.....

...YEAH.

BA-DUMP
(HEART THUMPS)

IT'S
NOT THAT
SOON...

ISN'T THAT
A LITTLE
SOON? YOU'VE
ONLY BEEN
GOING OUT
FOR A MONTH...

BUT
...

YOU'VE
HAD THAT
EXPERIENCE
HAVENT
YOU, AKKO?

WOW...
SERIOUSLY?

THERE'S
ONLY ONE
THING THAT
GIRLS WITH
BOYFRIENDS
GET UP TO
DURING THE
SUMMER
BREAK...

BA-DUMP
(HEART THUMPS)







BIORE
SARA SARA
POWDER SHEETS!

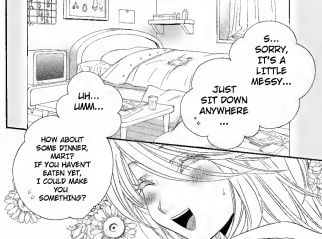
BECAUSE
I'M IN
A SPORTS
CLUB
GIRLS
LOVE
THESE



GIRL FRIENDS — ガールフレンズ —

CHAPTER 19
[第19話]





S...
SORRY,
IT'S A
LITTLE
MESSY...

JUST
SIT DOWN
ANYWHERE
...

UH...
LMM...

HOW ABOUT
SOME DINNER,
MARI?
IF YOU HAVEN'T
EATEN YET,
I COULD MAKE
YOU
SOMETHING?



OH, OK.
THE
FESTIVALS
HAVE FOOD
STALLS,
DON'T THEY?

LMM...
I'VE
ALREADY
EATEN, SO
...



OK, CAN
YOU WAIT
WHILE I
PUT THIS
IN THE
MICROWAVE?

Y...
YES,
THANK
YOU.

WOULD
YOU LIKE
SOME TEA,
MARI?





WHEW



WELL,
THAT'S
GREAT!

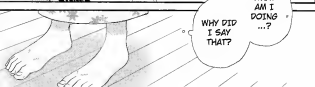
Y...
YOU ARE
SURPRISINGLY
DARING!



M...
MARI
...?



HMM



WHAT
AM I
DOING
...?

WHY DID
I SAY
THAT?



IT'S...
IT'S
"ALRIGHT"
...

FROM
TOMORROW,
I PLAN TO
ONLY EAT
SOUMEN**
...

"SHOCK"
キーン

THAT REMINDS
ME, IN THE
WINTER BREAK,
TAMAKI ATE
NOTHING BUT
CONVENIENCE
STORE FOOD AND
"MOCHI" AND PUT
ON A LOT OF
WEIGHT...

SO I'VE
JUST
BEEN
EATING
CONVENIENCE
STORE
FOOD.

IT'S SUCH
A PAIN
HAVING TO
EAT BY
MYSELF
...

**SOUMEN = COLD NOODLES, RELATIVELY HEALTHY EATING *MOCHI = RICE CAKES, OFTEN EATEN AT NEW YEAR



020000

AHA
HA
HA!

AKKO,
YOU GO
FROM ONE
EXTREME
TO THE
OTHER!

REALLY?
WE'VE GOT
MOUNTAINS
OF SOUMEN
BUT NO ONE
EVER EATS
IT!

AHA
HA
HA!

BUT
ISN'T IT
BORING
HAVING
TO BOO-
ITY?

DON'T
YOU
THINK
...

I'M
SO
GLAD
...

THAT
WE'RE
ABLE TO
TALK
NORMALLY!







SAD?

HUH?!

SORRY...
I MIGHT
NOT BE
ABLE TO
GO...

AH
...

SEEING
YOUR
BOYFRIEND
IS MORE FUN
THAN GOING TO
THE POOL WITH
YOUR
FRIENDS!

OH...
I SEE,
YOU'RE BUSY
BECAUSE
YOU'VE GOT A
BOYFRIEND.



OH NO!
I'M BEING
SARCASTIC
TOWARDS
MARI!

はっ!!
はっ!!
はっ!!



I'M
...

...ACTING
KIND OF
STRANGELY.

I JUST
THOUGHT
IT WOULD
BE GOOD
TO HAVE
SOMEONE
ELSE WITH
ME!

HEY,
TAMMEN
WILL
PROBABLY
GET OUT
OF CONTROL!

DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
IT!

はっ!!
はっ!!
はっ!!



WHY
DO I
FEEL
SO...

OH YEAH,
LOOK AT
TAMAMIN'S
SWIMSUIT!

WHAT?
THAT'S
A
SWIMSUIT?
?

...BAD
INSIDE?

THAT'S
CRAZY,
ISN'T
IT?



WHY
...

WHY
DON'T
YOU
STAY
OVER?



OH,
IT'S
THAT
TIME
ALREADY!

I'D
BETTER
HEAD
BACK
NOW.

HAH?
SERIOUSLY?
?



YEAH...
I'M SORRY
FOR COMING
OVER HERE
SO SUDDENLY.
IT WAS FUN
...

AH...
W...
WAIT!

LIWAH
...



....HMM.

"HEAT
REFLECT"



NOTE: IT IS OFTEN DIFFICULT FOR PEOPLE TO PUT ON YUKATAS OR KIMONOS WITHOUT ASSISTANCE.

M...
MARI,
YOU CAN
PUT ON A
YUKATA BY
YOURSELF?
THAT'S
GREAT...

WHEN?
WHERE?

OH, IT'S
NOT THAT
DIFFICULT.

I PUT
THAT ON
BY MYSELF
TODAY AS
WELL...

I'D USUALLY
GO RIGHT
AHEAD AND
ASK. IN THIS
KIND OF
SITUATION
...

BUT
...





MAYBE IT
SHOULDN'T
HAVE BEEN
A BIG DEAL
WHEN MARI
GOT A
BOYFRIEND.

SUGI-SAN
HAVING
TONS OF
BOYFRIENDS
AND TAMAMIN
SEEING
SOMEONE
WAS NEVER
A BIG DEAL.

BUT

...





...I
DON'T
KNOW.



WHY
DO I

...

...FEEL
SO
HURT?



IN THE
END...

I WENT
TO THE
POOL WITH
TAMAMIN,
JUST THE
TWO OF US.





I HAD TO COMFORT
A DISTRESSED
TAMAMIN
AFTER SHE
GOT STRANGE-
LOOKING
SUNBURN.

NEXT, WE
TRIED
GOING TO
THE BEACH
TO GET OUR
"REVENGE"

BUT ALL THE
GUYS WENT
AFTER
SHOI-SAN.

AFTER
THAT
...

I DIDN'T
SEE MARI
ONCE.





HEY,
TAGUCHI,
KUNOCHIN!

LONG
TIME,
NO SEE!
HOW HAVE
YOU BEEN?

DON'T
SAY
THAT!

WOAH!!

TAGUCHI,
YOU'VE
GOT
SUCH A
TAN!

OH
YOUR
NECK
PINKS
UP!



MORNING!

OH!

LONG
TIME, NO
SEE,
MARICHIN!



SERIOUSLY?
THAT'S
CRAZY!

SHE FORGOT
TO TAKE
SUNSCREEN
TO HER
SUMMER
CAMP...

WOAH!
THE
BACK OF
YOUR
NECK IS
REALLY
BURNED!

IT WASN'T
JUST
SUMMER
CAMP, I HAD
CLUB
ACTIVITIES
TOO...



WOW,
WHAT'S
THAT?

HEY,
MARICHIN,
I'VE BEEN
WAITING
FOR YOU!

I DIDN'T
SEND A
TEXT TO
MARI TO
ARRANGE
TO MEET.

SHE
DIDN'T
COME TO
THE
PLATFORM
AT THE
USUAL
TIME.

I DIDN'T
WAIT FOR
HER, I JUST
CAME HERE
ON THE
USUAL
TRAIN.

ME
TOO!

DID YOU
DO YOUR
HOMEWORK?
I'VE ONLY
DONE HALF
OF MY MATH
HOMEWORK!

ME TOO!

WHAT??



HOW
ABOUT
YOU,
AKKO?

DID YOU
FINISH
YOUR
HOMEWORK?





BUT

...

MAYBE
IT'S
OK TO
THINK

...

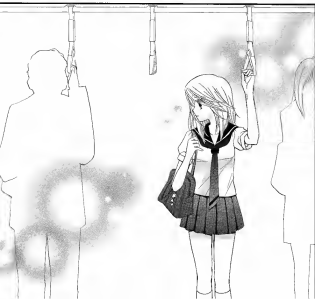
...THAT I'M
MARI'S
BEST
FRIEND.

THANK
YOU.



MARI
PROBABLY
THINKS
SO TOO.

TO THOSE
AROUND US,
IT PROBABLY
LOOKS LIKE
WE STILL
HAVE THE
SAME
FRIENDSHIP
AS BEFORE
THE SUMMER
BREAK.





PERFORMANCE ?

HOLD ON,
ISN'T SHE
IN THE
MANGA
CLUB?

A
PERFORMANCE
AT THE
CULTURE
FESTIVAL
AS PART OF
HER CLUB
ACTIVITIES.

THAT
REMINDS ME,
TAMMEN IS
PLANNING



AH ...

SORRY,
JUST A
MINUTE
...

IT'S
OK!

TAKE
YOUR
TIME!



I
WONDER
...

A
COSPLAY
STAGE
SHOW?

SOMETHING
TO DO WITH
ANIME OR
MANGA?



WE HAVE
TO HELP
THE CLASS
AGAIN THIS
YEAR...







GIRL FRIENDS — ガールフレンズ —



YEAH...! GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR CLUB ACTIVITIES!

WELL, CHEER UP! OUR LUCKY DAY WILL SOON COME!



HUH? YOU'RE STILL HERE, AKKO?

ARE YOU BY YOURSELF? WHERE'S MARICHIN?

HOW ABOUT YOU, TASHIGI?

OH, I FORGOT MY TOWEL ...

UWM ...

SHE'S GOING TO MEET HER BOYFRIEND ON THE WAY HOME FROM SCHOOL.



.....

TIME TO GO HOME ...

ouch ouch ouch

IT'S LIKE BACK THEN...



I DON'T
THINK THAT
I HAD AN
ESPECIALLY
GLOOMY
PERSONALITY
OR ANYTHING
BUT I WASN'T
GOOD AT
PLAYING
WITH MY
FRIENDS.

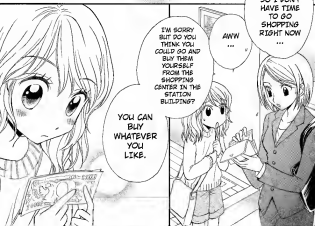
WHEN I
WAS A
KID, I
WAS QUIET
AND KIND
OF PLAIN.

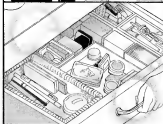
DURING
BREAK TIMES,
I WOULD
USUALLY
STAY IN THE
CLASSROOM.

CHAPTER 20 [第20話]



CLOTHES?







HAVE IT
DONE JUST
THE WAY
YOU WANT
IT.

YES,
YOU CAN
DO THAT.

YOU GOT
YOUR
FRIZZY
HAIR FROM
YOUR
FATHER,
AKIKO.

IS IT
OK IF
I HAVE
A STRAIGHT
HAIR?
PERM?

ERM...
I WANT TO
MAKE MY
HAIR
STRAIGHT
...



WE TALKED
ABOUT
FASHION,
HAIR AND
MAKE UP,
BOYS THAT
WE LIKED
...

AT SOME
POINT, I
BECAME
FRIENDS
WITH OTHER
GIRLS THAT
LIKED
STYLISH
THINGS.

I FOUND
OUT HOW
MUCH FUN
IT IS TO
SPEND
TIME WITH
FRIENDS.



AKKO,
WHAT MAKE
IS YOUR
TRANSPARENT
MASCARA?

IT WAS
THE SAME
WHEN I
ENTERED
HIGH
SCHOOL...

WOW,
SUIGI-SAN,
YOU'RE LIKE
A CELEBRITY!
I USE
"DEJA VU!"

IT'S
GOOD
BECAUSE
IT'S
COMPACT.

I
LIKE
LANCÔME.

UHM...
WHAT MAKE?
I JUST
BOUGHT IT
AT THE
CONVENIENCE
STORE...

OH, THAT
WAS IN THIS
MONTH'S ISSUE
OF "UP", IN
THE "GOOD
VALUE"
SPECIAL
REPORT.

*"WINGS" IS
A MANGA
MAGAZINE.

IN
JUNIOR
HIGH
SCHOOL,
IT WAS
"WINGS"
AND...

THERE
ARE LOTS
OF THINGS
WE CAN
TALK ABOUT.

IT'S FUN TO
SPEND TIME
WITH FRIENDS
THAT SHARE
MY HOBBIES
AND LIKE THE
SAME THINGS.

IT'S A COSMETICS
MAGAZINE! I
SHALL I
BRING IT IN
TO SHOW YOU?
WHICH
MAGAZINES
DO YOU
USUALLY
BUY,
TAMAKI?

UP?

WHAT'S
THAT? A
FASHION
MAGAZINE?

?







BUT

...

...IT WOULD BE BETTER IF SHE CUT IT A LITTLE, WHICH WOULD MAKE IT SEEM LIGHTER.



IF SHE DID THAT, SHE'D BE EVEN CUTTER...

I GUESS

...



UWA...
KUMAKURA
-SAN...

THINK
ABOUT
NEXT
TIME

DAY DUTY

日直

KUMAKURA

國能

KUNITI

国井

HEY...
WHAT'S
THAT
GIRL'S
NAME?

HMM?
THE ONE
ON DAY
DUTY?

THAT'S
KUMAKURA-
SAN, ISN'T
IT?
SEE?

AH
HA
HA
...

YOU MEAN
THAT YOU
HAVEN'T
LEARNED
EVERYONE'S
NAMES,
AKKO?



MAYBE
SHE
DOESN'T
HAVE MANY
FRIENDS?

EVEN
THOUGH
IT'S ALREADY
THE SECOND
TERM...



THEN I
REALIZED
THAT SHE
WAS OFTEN
BY HERSELF.



MARINO
KUMAKURA
...



WHAT
SHOULD
I DO
...?

PERHAPS
I SHOULD
TRY TALKING
TO HER...

...I
MIGHT BE
DISTURBING
HER
THOUGH...

IF...



IF... I BECAME FRIENDS WITH
HER, I COULD TELL HER...



...THAT IF SHE MADE HER HAIR
A LITTLE LIGHTER,
RAISED HER HEAD AND
SMILED...

...SHE WOULD BECOME EVEN
CUTER THAN SHE IS NOW.



I WANT TO TELL HER
ABOUT ALL THE FUN THINGS
THAT I KNOW...

"SCHOOL
BELL"

OK, THAT'S
IT!
LET'S COLLECT
THEM FROM
THE BACK.

...AND TALK ABOUT
LOTS OF THINGS
AND LAUGH TOGETHER...



IF SHE
SMILED,
SHE WOULD
LOOK SO
CUTE...

IT SEEMS
LIKE SUCH
A SHAME...

I WONDER
WHAT KIND
OF CLOTHES
SHE WEARS
OUTSIDE
OF SCHOOL
...

I WONDER
WHAT KIND
OF THINGS
SHE READS
...

IT WOULD BE NICE...

MA...

...IF WE COULD
BECOME FRIENDS
LIKE THAT.

MARI-CHAN,
DO YOU GO
BACK HOME
USING ICHIGAYA
STATION?
DO YOU WANT TO
GO TOGETHER?

MARI-
CHAN!



HEY, NEXT WEEK, I'M GOING TO A MATCHMAKING PARTY BUT I NEED SOMEONE TO ...

THAT'S GREAT, IT LOOKS LIKE EVERYONE IS HERE!

WOAH, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU, TAOUCHI?

OH! SUNI-SAN, TAMAMIN!

IF I GET SUNBURN, I TREAT IT ON THE SAME DAY.

I REALLY, REALLY WANNA GO TO THE MATCHMAKING PARTY, BUT...

THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED ...

HEY... YOU JUST WANTED TO TAKE YOUR CLOTHES OFF!

SUNI-SAN, YOUR SKIN IS SO WHITE! DON'T YOU HAVE ANY TAN-LINES?

WANNA SEE?

HEH IT

NOTE: VERY PALE, WHITE SKIN IS CONSIDERED TO BE PRECIOUS & DESIRABLE AMONGST WOMEN AND THEY OFTEN WORRY THAT TANNING CAUSES THE SKIN TO AGE.



WELL,
THE SKIN
WHITENING
PRODUCT
THAT I
RECOMMEND
IS...

IT WON'T
LAST FOR
THE REST OF
YOUR LIFE.

I...
INTENTIONALLY
?

BUT I
INTENTIONALLY
LEFT TAN-LINES
ON THIS PART
HERE.

WHAT
FOR
...?

I DON'T
WANNA
HAVE
PATCHY
SKIN FOR
THE REST
OF MY
LIFE!

THAT'S
IT!

WHAT'S
THAT? A SKIN
WHITENING
PRODUCT
THAT
CAN MAKE
TAN-LINES
DISAPPEAR?

TELL ME,
SUZU-SAN!
HOW TO
TREAT
SUNBURN!

WH...
WHAT'S
UP?

.....

IT'S
ABOUT
THE SCHOOL
BULLY!!

EEEK!!

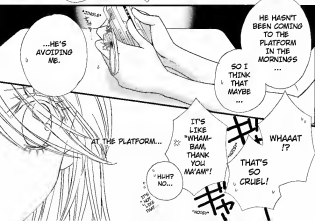
I'LL TELL
YOU,
TAMAMIN,
SO...

...SHOW
ME THE
TAN-LINES
ON YOUR
CHEST!

FOR
A
MAGICAL
TAN-LINE
TREATMENT
WITH
?









IT'S
MY FAULT
...

I DON'T
KNOW
HOW TO
EXPLAIN
IT BUT...

.....

I...
BRM...

TH...
THAT'S
NOT IT
...



SLAM!

IT'S
NOT
YOUR
FAULT!



THAT GUY
IS THE
WORST!!

WHAT
IS
WITH
HIM!?

IT'S
NOT YOUR
FAULT,
MARI!!

HE TOLD
YOU TO
COME AND
MEET HIM
AND THEN HE
CHICKENED
OUT!

BECAUSE...



IF MARI IS FEELING...



HE
IS...

I JUST
WANT
MARI...

..TO
SMILE.



EVEN
IF I'M
NOT...

...THE
ONE SHE'S
SMILING
AT...

THE THOUGHT OF
HER BEING LONELY
WOULD BE MUCH
WORSE THAN...

...
MY OWN
LONELINESS.

...I
DON'T
MIND.

...
SUCH A
JERK
!!

AKKO

...









EVEN IF THEY
LOOK BACK AT
THAT TIME AND
THEY FEEL LIKE
THEY SHOULD'VE
APOLOGIZED

...
THEY'VE
LOST THE
CHANCE
TO
APOLOGIZE.



•SCHOOL
BELL•

...IT SEEMED
LIKE MARI
SAID THAT
SHE WAS
GOING TO
MEET HIM.

TAMAMIN
WAS
BLOWING
HER NOSE
AND THE
BELL WAS
RINGING

...SO
I COULDN'T
REALLY
HEAR BUT

I JUST
FELT SO
BAD INSIDE
THAT I
COULDN'T
SAY
ANYTHING.

•SCHOOL
BELL•





GIRL FRIENDS — ガールフレンズ —

LAST NIGHT, I WAS THINKING ABOUT A LOT OF "WHAT IF'S".



WHAT IF...

THEN
HE
TREATS
HER
WELL

...

MAYBE
THERE
WAS A
REASON
AND HE
APOLOGIZES
TO MARI
PROPERLY?

WHAT IF
THERE'S A
ONE IN A
MILLION
CHANCE THAT
HE'S A GOOD
GUY?

I DON'T
THINK
THAT'S
THE CASE!

AND THEN
HE AND
MARI GO
BACK TO
THE WAY
THEY WERE
BEFORE...



CHAPTER 21

[第21話]

...I WILL
SMILE
AND SAY
"WOW,
THAT'S
GREAT!"









SORRY FOR ASKING YOU TO COME HERE.

NO, IT'S OK.

SHALL WE GO SOMEPLACE ELSE? IT'S SO LOUD IN HERE.

THEY CAN'T HEAR US, CAN THEY?

KUMAKURA, YOU'RE REALLY BRAVE, AREN'T YOU?

HUH?



OH... THAT HAPPENED DIDN'T IT, NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...

IT WAS BELIEVING WASN'T IT? I THOUGHT THAT GIRLS CAN BE SO CREEPY.

YOU SPOKE TO ONE OF THE GIRLS THAT WAS BEING IGNORED.

IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, WHEN IT WAS COMMON FOR SOME GIRLS TO BE IGNORED BY THE OTHERS...

AND THEN, FROM THE NEXT DAY, YOU BECAME THEIR TARGET.



WELL, AT THAT TIME, I THOUGHT THAT GIRLS WERE REALLY SCARY!

AFTER THAT, THE BOYS HELPED ME AND THEY STOPPED IGNORING ME.

AT THAT TIME, MAYU-CHAN, WHO WAS BEING IGNORED, CHOSE NOT TO IGNORE ME.

FOR A WHILE, WE ONLY ATE BREAD TOGETHER AS FRIENDS.

MAYU-CHAN

PLAYING TRAP AND ONE CLASSROOM PRODUCTIONS





...I'M
SO
SORRY.

.....



THE TRUTH
IS...
THERE
IS SOMEONE
ELSE THAT
I LIKE...

...BUT
THERE'S
NO WAY
THAT WE
CAN BE
TOGETHER



THAT'S
WHY,
HARADA
-KUN



YOU'RE
A GOOD
PERSON,
SO I THOUGHT
YOU MIGHT
BE WORRIED
ABOUT IT...

KIMAKURA
IS
REALLY
HONEST



I'M
SO
SORRY!

...SO
THAT'S WHY
I DON'T
WANT YOU TO
WORRY
ABOUT IT,
HARADA
-KUN



YOU SEE,
THAT'S WHY
I THOUGHT
THAT I
SHOULD BE
THE ONE TO
GET DUMPED



OH...
I SEE...

YOU
COULDN'T
TOLD ME
THAT FROM
THE
BEGINNING



I WAS
THINKING
OF DOING
SOMETHING
SNEAKY
LIKE THAT...



I THOUGHT
IT WOULD
BE BETTER
TO DO THE
DUMPING
RATHER THAN
BE THE ONE
THAT GETS
DUMPED.

I'M
THE
SAME.



WELL,
I GUESS
THAT MAKES
US EVEN...

HUH?



FRIENDS?

WE'RE FROM THE SAME NEIGHBORHOOD, SO I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A SHAME THAT IF WE WERE TO MEET AT THE STATION, WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO GREET EACH OTHER...

...EVEN THOUGH WE'RE FRIENDS.



HUH?

THANK YOU.
FOR TODAY.



KUMAKURA,
I GUESS

...

...YOU
REALLY
ARE BRAVE
AFTER ALL.



YES,
AND I'LL
CONTACT
YOU TOO.

I'LL
CONTACT
YOU WHEN
WE HAVE
THE NEXT
REUNION
PARTY.

WELL
THEN.

THANK
YOU
VERY
MUCH!



AKKO,
WE'LL
LEAVE
THE CHECK
WITH YOU!

WAAAAAT
!?



IT SEEMS
LIKE THEY'RE
GOING TO
HAVE A
REUNION
PARTY.

HEY,
WHADYA
MEAN?

I DON'T
WANT TO
HAVE TO
DEAL WITH
THE CHECK.



HEY...
TAMAMEN,
HOW MUCH
IS YOUR PART
OF THE CHECK?
PARFAIT AND
DRINK
BAR...

HOLD
ON...
SO THE
TWO OF
THEM LEFT
ON GOOD
TERMS?
WHAT
HAPPENED?



I CAN'T
BELIEVE
IT!



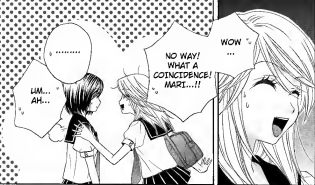
HOLD ON!
SERIOUSLY!?
NO WAY!!

THIS
ISN'T
WHAT WE
PLANNED
AT ALL
!!



WAA?
WAA?

!!!





AH!

NO, I
MEAN,
I WAS!
BY
"ROOTING",
YOU
MEANT...

HUH?
NO I
WASN'T!
WHADYA
MEAN,
"ROOTING"
FOR YOU?

HUH...?



WHY
DID SHE
SAY SORRY
TO ME?

EVEN
THOUGH
YOU WERE
ROOTING
FOR ME...



THAT'S
GREAT!
THAT'S
GREAT!

URK!

BUT YOU
BROKE UP
WITH HIM,
DIDN'T YOU!
THAT'S GOOD!
A GUY LIKE
THAT...

AH!



DID SHE
GET
DUMPED?
SHE'S NOT
CRYING
THOUGH...

UM...
UM...

TIME TO
CHEER HER
UP!
TO CHEER
HER UP,
I SHOULD
...

NO,
AH...
THAT'S
NOT
GOOD!

WHY WOULD
I BE HAPPY
THAT MY
FRIEND
BROKE UP
WITH HER
BOYFRIEND?





BEFORE
THAT
...?

HUH?
WHEN YOU
WERE
WEARING
THE
YUKATA?

BEFORE,
WHEN I
WENT TO
YOUR
HOUSE...

...DO
YOU
REMEMBER
?

NO,
BEFORE
THAT...

WH...
WHEN
I...

A...
AKKO
...



I THOUGHT
THAT I WAS
GLAD I
TAUGHT YOU!

OH..
OH YEAH!
THE TIME
I DID
YOUR
MAKE UP?

..NO,
NOT
THAT!





I
SAID

...

IT
WAS

...

A
JOKE,
BUT...

HUH
?



MY
LOVE
WILL
NEVER
BE
FULFILLED

...



I THOUGHT
I'D MAKE
YOU FEEL
A BIT
AWKWARD

...

SO I
PLAYED
THAT
STRANGE
JOKE ON
YOU.

THAT
I
LIKED

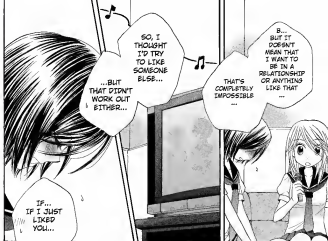
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IT'S LIKE
YOU SAID,
AKKO...

THERE
WAS
SOMEONE

...



SO, I
THOUGHT
I'D TRY
TO LIKE
SOMEONE
ELSE...

...BUT
THAT DIDN'T
WORK OUT
EITHER...

THAT'S
COMPLETELY
IMPOSSIBLE

B...
BUT IT
DOESN'T
MEAN THAT
I WANT TO
BE IN A
RELATIONSHIP
OR ANYTHING
LIKE THAT
...

IF...
IF I JUST
LIKED
YOU...

I THOUGHT...
MAYBE THAT
WOULD NOT
CAUSE ANY
PROBLEMS
FOR YOU,
AKKO
...

I THOUGHT
THAT IF WE
WERE THE SAME
AS WE'VE BEEN
UNTIL NOW, JUST
FRIENDS, THAT IT
WOULD BE OK...

TH...
THAT'S
WHY...

EVERYTHING
WILL BE
FINE...

HA
HA
...

LAST NIGHT,
I THOUGHT
OF LOTS
OF "WHAT
IFS",
BUT...



IN
OTHER
WORDS
...

I DIDN'T
THINK...

"WHAT IF"
THIS
HAPPENED
...





AH!

BUT I
DON'T
THINK THAT
I'M THAT
KIND OF
PERSON!

AH...
I DON'T
REALLY
KNOW,
THOUGH
...

Y...
YEAH. ♪

AH

I FEEL
SO HOT!

IN
OTHER
WORDS
...UHHH
...

WH...
WHAT
SHOULD
I DO?

AH...
UHHH...

SO
...?



AT SOME
POINT,
STARTED
TO...

L...

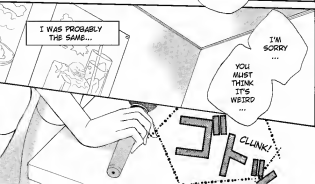
LIKE
...

MY HEART WAS THUMPING
LOUDER THAN THE KARAOKE MUSIC.

I THOUGHT IT WAS BECAUSE I HAD THE MIC TURNED ON.



MARI'S FACE WAS BRIGHT RED





A...
AKKO
...

"FLINCH"

ひびく

!

さ
"TOUCH"

MARI'S LIPS WERE SO SOFT
AND FELT SO GOOD.

I...

...THOUGHT IT WOULD BE GOOD
IF WE COULD STAY LIKE
THIS FOREVER...

AS I CLOSED MY EYES...

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SEE?
THE ONE
SURROUNDED
BY GUYS!

HMM?

HEY,
ISN'T THAT
SUGI-SAN?

TODAY,
AFTER
SCHOOL,
I WENT
SHOPPING
IN
SHIBUYA
WITH
AKKO.

HMM?
NO, I
DON'T
THINK
SO...

BECAUSE
...

おまけマンガ①

EXTRA MANGA 1

SUGI-SAN?

AH!

AKKO
AND...
MARICHINI!

HEY LOOK,
IT IS
SUGI-SAN
AFTER ALL!

"TURNS
ROUND"

YES?

HIYA!

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?
DOES
ANYONE
THINK
ABOUT
THE
GUYS?

HEY!
HEY!
HEY!

PAFF!

はっ
っ
っ

SUET-SANE HAND

OH MY GOD
SHE'S SO PRETTY

HMM?

FOR A
MOMENT,
I DIDN'T
REALIZE
IT WAS
YOU!
WHY ARE
YOU
WEARING
ANOTHER
SCHOOL'S
UNIFORM?

IT'S
CUTE
ISN'T
IT?

GUYS
LOVE
SCHOOL N'S
UNIFORM!
♡

SORRY,
I'M AFRAID
NOT...
THEY'RE MY
FRIENDS
FROM
ANOTHER
SCHOOL!
♡

WHAT,
WHAT?
ARE YOU
JOINING
TODAY'S
MATCHMAKING
PARTY?
♡

WOAH!!

OH MY GOD
SHE'S SO PRETTY

LOVE!!

OH MY GOD
SHE'S SO PRETTY



PAAH!!

HOLD ON,
WHADYA
MEAN
"ANOTHER
SCHOOL"?

I'M SORRY,
I'M SORRY!
♡

I
BORROWED
IT FROM
A FRIEND
IN SCHOOL
"N"!
♡

SUET-SAN,
WHY ARE
YOU
WEARING A
DIFFERENT
UNIFORM?

ON THE
TOILET

LOVE!!

OH MY GOD
SHE'S SO PRETTY

CUBICLES

BAW

BAW

TODAY, I'M
FROM
SCHOOL N,
SO JUST
GO ALONG
WITH IT!

THAT'S
RIGHT

KEEP

IS
THAT
OK?

AH...
THIS IS A
MATCH-
MAKING
PARTY.
ISN'T IT?

ME
TOO
!!

ME TOO!
TODAY, I'M
"CURE
DREAM"!

SO, JUST
GO ALONG
WITH IT!

NOTE:
THIS IS
TAKAWAN.

NOTE: IF
YOU SHOULD
NOT GET
CHANGED IN
THE TOILET?

"FROM THE
JEWEL
"YES"
PEOPLE
CURE IS
NOT "YES"

CHANGE

+

+

+



AKKO!?
WHAT
HAPPENED
!?

WAAAH!
HELP ME,
MARI!

ONE
DAY
...

THE
NEIGHBOR-
HOOD CAT
CAME
CARRYING
A TINY
AKKO IN ITS
MOUTH.

NO
WAY
...

おまけ
SOTCH MANGA 2
マンガ ②

THAT'S
SO
CUTE!!

I DON'T
KNOW HOW,
BUT WHEN
I CAME
TO, I'D
BECOME
LIKE
THIS...

WHAT
SHOULD
I DO?

THIS
FEELS
NICE!

MARI'S
CHEST IS
SO SOFT
AND COMFY!

I HID
HER NEAR
MY CHEST
AND WENT
TO SCHOOL
...

HEY,
THIS
MIGHT
BE KIND
OF FUN!

IT'S
OK,
I'M IN
MARI'S
BRA!

AH...
WWW...

OH...
OK...

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